

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Nikkel, John G</b>  <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> <b>1000 Kensington Tower</b> <b>7130 South Lewis</b>  <small>(Street)</small> <b>Tulsa, OK 74136</b>  <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> <b>USA</b>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Unit Corporation UNT</b>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year) <b>08/22/2003</b>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <small>(Check all applicable)</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Chief Executive Officer</b>  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <small>(Check Applicable Line)</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Transaction Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	3. Transaction Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/22/2003		M		20,000.00	A	\$8.75	266,227.00	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2003		M		32,000.00	A	\$3.75	298,227.00	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2003		F		8,117.00	D	\$21.56	290,110.00	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2003		F		5,566.00	D	\$21.56	284,544.00	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2003		G		2,000.00	D		282,544.00	D	
Common Stock								76,000.00	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.75	08/22/2003		M			20,000.00	(1)	12/20/2006	Common Stock	20,000.00	\$8.75	0.00	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.75	08/22/2003		M			32,000.00	(1)	12/22/2008	Common Stock	32,000.00	\$3.75	8,000.00	D	

Explanation of Responses:

See attached statement

/s/ John G Nikkel

08/25/2003

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) This stock option becomes exercisable in 20% increments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant.