

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)	\$ 8.4445	10/11/2004		X			4,500 (1)	(2)	10/23/2004	Common Stock	4,500 (1)	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
YOWELL JOHN B C/O OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. 500 OLD DOMINION WAY THOMASVILLE, NC 27360			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ John B. Yowell	10/11/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Adjusted to reflect a 3-for-2 stock split on June 16, 2003, and a 3-for-2 stock split on May 20, 2004.

(2) The option vested in five equal installments on October 24, 1995, October 24, 1996, October 24, 1997, October 24, 1998, and October 24, 1999.

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