FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE		-, -, -, -,		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			(5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
					X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street) PLANO	TX	75024				EVP - Chief Operatir	ng Officer			y One Reporting Person y More than One erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securiti Underlying Derivative Security			4. Conversi or Exerci	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Derivat Security of Shares		e Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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<u>/s/ Joel M. Mussat</u> <u>05/12/2017</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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