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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1 | ss of Reporting Pers | on [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRICE T ROWE GROUP INC [TROW] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| <u>CROTEAU JOSEPH P</u> | | | | | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| | | | | x | Officer (give title | Other (specify | | | |
| (Last) (F | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | below) | below) | | | |
| 100 E. PRATT S | STREET | | 12/14/2004 | | Vice President and Treasurer | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| BALTIMORE | MD | 21202 | | X | Form filed by One Rep | orting Person | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (| | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------|---|--|---------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | М | | 1,815 | Α | \$48.39 | 78,881.19 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | F | | 1,544 | D | \$62.62 | 77,337.19 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 58,875 | Ι | By Spouse |

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

| | (0.3., parts, cano, control and coordinates) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | n Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10. Ownership Form: 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$48.39 | 12/14/2004 | | М | | | 1,815 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/02/2004 | 11/18/2007 | Common Stock | 1,815 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 01/02/2004 Replenishment Grant - option vest 100% immediately.

JOSEPH PAUL CROTEAU 12/15/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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

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