

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ISTRE KEITH A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY</u> <u>5551 CORPORATE BLVD.</u> (Street) <u>BATON LA 70808</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAMAR ADVERTISING CO/NEW [LAMR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2004		M		17,000	A	\$10.6667	18,312	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2004		M		30,000	A	\$26.42	48,312	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$30.3438	58,312	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2004		S		57,000	D	\$40.7236	1,312	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
stock option (right to buy)	\$10.6667	02/17/2004		M			17,000	08/16/2000	08/16/2006	Class A Common Stock	17,000	\$0	17,200	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$26.42	02/17/2004		M			30,000	09/27/2003	09/27/2011	Class A Common Stock	30,000	\$0	18,000	D	
stock option (right to buy)	\$30.3438	02/17/2004		M			10,000	06/04/2002	06/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$0	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Keith A. Istre 02/19/2004
 ** 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).

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

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