# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> EILERS RONALD E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DELUXE CORP</u> [ DLX ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(First) STREET NORTH	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2004	x	Officer (give title below) President and	Other (specify below)			
(Street) SHOREVIEW (City)	MN (State)	55126 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv X	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C Form filed by One Reporti Form filed by More than C	ing 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	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	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Restricted Stock Units								2,154 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2004		Α		2,170	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	56,711.12(2)	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	Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Ir 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	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)		
Common Stock Option	\$42.35	05/04/2004		Α		10,650		05/04/2005	05/04/2011	Common Stock	10,650	\$0	257,317 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units were awarded on 1/26/04 (2,154 units) under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an election to receive a portion of the holder's 2003 incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.

2. Includes 572 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 2, 2004.

3. Options were granted on 1/26/01 (26,667 shares at \$20.24 per share), 3/13/02 (110,000 shares at \$47.67 per share), 3/10/03 (110,000 shares at \$38.54 per share) and 5/4/04 (10,650 shares at \$42.35 per share). Options have seven year terms. One-third of the options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on each of the three succeeding anniversaries of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such dates.

#### Remarks:

Anthony C. Scarfone as Power of 05/06/2004 Attorney for Ronald E. Eilers

\*\* 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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