## 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 Pe <u>EILERS RONALD E</u>	erson <sup>*</sup>	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) 3680 VICTORIA STREET NO	(Middle) RTH	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2004	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President and COO
(Street) SHOREVIEW MN	55126	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State)	(Zip)		

## 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)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Restricted Stock Units								2,154 <sup>(1)</sup>	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		м		26,667	A	\$20.24	83,378.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		S		482	D	\$43.29	82,896.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		S		1,000	D	\$43.28	81,896.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		S		300	D	\$43.27	81,596.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		S		2,400	D	\$43.25	79,196.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		s		12,400	D	\$43.15	66,796.12	D		
Common Stock	08/11/2004		F		6,036	D	\$43.18	60,760.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		м		36,667	A	\$38.54	97,427.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		s		1,067	D	\$42.55	96,360.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		32,900	D	\$42.35	63,460.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		F		1,605	D	\$42.36	61,855.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		100	D	\$42.71	61,755.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		800	D	\$42.7	60,955.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		4,100	D	\$42.69	56,855.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		500	D	\$42.59	56,355.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		900	D	\$42.58	55,455.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		3,900	D	\$42.55	51,555.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		4,600	D	\$42.57	46,955.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		4,100	D	\$42.56	42,855.12	D		
Common Stock	08/12/2004		S		1,100	D	\$42.6	41,755.12 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Transac Code (li 8)		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)		
Common Stock Option	\$20.24	08/11/2004		М			26,667	01/26/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2008	Common Stock	26,667	\$ <mark>0</mark>	0	D	
Common Stock Option	\$47.67							03/13/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/13/2009	Common Stock	110,000		110,000	D	
Common Stock Option	\$38.54	08/12/2004		М			36,667	03/10/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/10/2010	Common Stock	36,667	\$ <mark>0</mark>	73,333	D	
Common Stock Option	\$42.35							05/04/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/04/2011	Common Stock	10,650		10,650	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 2.170 shares of restricted stock.

3. Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of grant, provided the holder remains in the employ of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed). **Remarks:** 

Anthony C. Scarfone as Power of Attorney for Ronald E. Eilers 08/13/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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