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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MERRILL DAVID T | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNIT CORP [UNT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2004 | |
| | (Last) (First) (Middle) 7130 SOUTH LEWIS, SUITE 1000 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) TULSA OK 74136549 | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

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

| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| 2004 Employee Stock Option | \$37.83 | 12/14/2004 | | A | | 3,000 | | (I) | 12/14/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$37.83 | 3,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This stock option becomes exercisable in 20% increments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Merrill, David T 12/16/2004
** 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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