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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NIKKEL JOHN G					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNIT CORP [UNT]							5. Relat (Check						
(Last) 1000 KEN	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005							X	Director Officer (give below) Chief E		10% Owner le Other (specify below) ecutive Officer							
7130 SOUTH LEWIS (Street) TULSA OK 74136 (City) (State) (Zip)												6. Indivi Line) X	,					
		Table I	- Non	-Derivat	ive Se	cur	ities A	Acq:	uired, l	Dis	posed of,	or Ben	eficiall	y Owned				_
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)			Execution Date, (Year) if any			,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of and 5)		3, 4	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned		6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indire	ct al hip		
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4				
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/Yea	ution Date,	4. Transa Code (I 8)			ative ities red sed	Expiration D		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Deriv ative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	deri Sec Ben Owi Follo Rep Trar	Number of ivative curities neficially rned lowing ported nsaction(s) str. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r				
2005 Non Employee Director Option	\$39.5	05/05/2005			A		3,500		11/05/2	2005	05/05/2015	Commor Stock	3,500	\$39.5		3,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: By Mark E. Schell under **POA**

05/06/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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