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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>MAYER WILLIAM E</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O LEE ENTERPRISES INC</u><br><u>215 N MAIN ST STE 400</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>DAVENPORT IA 52801</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LEE ENTERPRISES INC [ LEE ENT ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>10/31/2003</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                  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/31/2003                           | 10/31/2003   | A                              |   | 578 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A          | \$31.52 <sup>(1)</sup> | 7,979   | 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) |   | 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) |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Reporting Person is a participant in the issuer's Amended and Restated 1996 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. He has the right to elect in writing to receive all or 50 percent of his director compensation, which would otherwise be payable in cash, in shares of Common Stock. The number of shares awarded was determined by dividing the amount of the compensation to be paid by the closing price of the Company's Common Stock as reported for NYSE-Composite Transactions on the trading day immediately preceding the date of payment and rounding to the nearest whole number. Elections under this section must be made at least 1 week prior to the beginning of the Company's next fiscal quarter. A change in an election is effective, if timely made, beginning with the Company's next fiscal quarter. Reporting Person will be issued 578 shares of Common Stock (inclusive of accrued dividends), at a range of prices between \$32.860-\$39.240 for the period 9-30-02-8-29-03.

Edmund H. Carroll, Jr., Lmted. 10/31/2003  
POA, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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