

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 WHITE R ELTON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC  
 [KEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/06/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS,  
 INC., 28775 AURORA ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SOLON, OH 44139

(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) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares	11/06/2008		A		4,005 A \$ 0	18,477	D
Common Shares	11/06/2008		A		22,500 A \$ 3.5	40,977	D
Common Shares	11/06/2008		A		300 A \$ 3.49	41,277	D
Common Shares	11/06/2008		A		1,800 A \$ 3.48	43,077	D
Common Shares	11/06/2008		A		400 A \$ 3.47	43,477	D

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

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**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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option	\$ 36.85					08/18/2001	02/17/2011	Common Stk	10,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 19.23					08/17/2002	02/16/2012	Common Stk	10,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 23.13					08/15/2004	08/14/2014	Common Stk	10,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 16.67					05/13/2005	02/12/2015	Common Stk	10,000
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 3.6847	11/06/2008		A	319.3	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stk	319.3

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITE R ELTON KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC. 28775 AURORA ROAD SOLON, OH 44139		X		

## Signatures

Mark J. Plush,  
Attorney-in Fact

11/10/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The phantom stock units were accrued under the Keithley Instruments, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan and are to be settled in common stock or cash upon the retirement from the Board of the reporting person; retirement date is not yet known.
- (2) Phantom shares were acquired on various dates (beginning 09/19/1995) with prices ranging from \$2.469 to \$64.00.

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