Rutledge W Paul Form 4 February 27, 2009

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rutledge W Paul

(First)

(Middle)

ONE PARK PLAZA

(Last)

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

Symbol HCA INC/TN [NONE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

> below) President - Central Group

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A) (D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

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or Num of Share

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 51 02/25/2009 A 9,324 02/25/2009 01/30/2017 C (right to buy)

O17 Common 9,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rutledge W Paul

ONE PARK PLAZA President - Central Group

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

Signatures

/s/ Natalie Harrison Cline,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/27/2009

**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).

On January 30, 2007, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 46,620 shares of common stock. The option vests in equal increments of 20% at the end of fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 if certain annual EBITDA performance targets are

achieved, subject to "catch up" vesting, such that, options that were eligible to vest but failed to vest at the end of any year noted above will vest if at the end of any subsequent year or at the end of fiscal year 2012, the cumulative total EBITDA earned in all prior years exceeds the cumulative EBITDA target at the end of such fiscal year. The EBITDA performance criteria for 2008 was met, resulting in vesting of the option as to 9,324 shares.

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