

SHARPE RICHARD H  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SHARPE RICHARD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW  
[[PICO]]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2009

875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	2,517	D	^
Common	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	3,587.52	I	BY 401(k) PLAN
Common	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	2,521	I	IRA
Common <sup>(1)</sup>	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	80,000	D	^

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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)		
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 33.76	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/12/2005	12/12/2015	Common	190,4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHARPE RICHARD H 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264	Â	Â	Â	Â EVP & Chief Operating Officer Â

## Signatures

Richard H. Sharpe by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated January 28, 2008. 01/22/2010

\*\*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) Restricted Stock Units were granted on March 3, 2009 and will vest in their entirety on March 3, 2012. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PICO common stock upon vesting of the unit if such reporting person remains employed by PICO through the vesting date.

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