HAMILTON GAIL Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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

SYMANTEC CORP [SYMC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HAMILTON GAIL**

(First) (Middle)

20330 STEVENS CREEK **BOULEVARD**

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

10/28/2004

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5. Relationship of Rep Issuer	porting Person(s) to
(Check all	applicable)
Officer (give title below) EVP Global Se	10% Owner Other (specify below) rvices & Support
6. Individual or Joint/	Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficiency Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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	(D)	Price	(IIIsti. 5 and 4)			
Common Stock	10/28/2004		M	40,000	A	\$ 8.6407	61,212	D		
Common Stock	10/28/2004		S	40,000	D	\$ 59.9533	21,212	D		

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		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
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 8.6407	10/28/2004		M	40,000	12/18/2001	12/18/2010	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAMILTON GAIL 20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014

EVP Global Services & Support

Signatures

Gail Hamilton

05/24/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arthur F.

Courville 05/24/2004

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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).

Remarks:

Post transaction holdings:

Stock:21,212

Options:380,000

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