Nackel John G. Form 4 July 19, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 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

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Nackel John G.

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2011

Symbol

(Street)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

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Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 07/15/2011 Stock

1,000 A \$0 6,000 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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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Nac 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney

07/19/2011

Date

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**Signature of 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).

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