## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HUTTON EDWARD L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHEMED CORP [ CHE ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2600 CHEMED CENTER 255 EAST FIFTH STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2004								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman					
(Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip)					-	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Ap Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											rson	:	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction 2. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 7															_				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Exec if an	Deemed cution Date, y nth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			5. Amount Securities Beneficial Owned For Reported	ly	6. Own Form: I (D) or I (I) (Inst	Direct ndirect	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio				(111501.4)	
Capital Stock 09/27/2					2004	004			M		1,700	A	\$33.6	3 51,1	.80	I	D		
Capital Stock 09/27/20					2004				F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,249	D	\$54.1	2 49,9	31	I	)	)	
Capital Stock														7,332		I		Hutton Foundati	ion
		Т	able II								posed of converti			ly Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	med on Date, Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Benef Owne ct (Instr.	lirect ficial ership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Option (Right to	\$33.63	09/27/2004			M			1,700	08/01/1	.995	02/01/2005	Common Stock	1,700	\$33.63	104	,000	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Payment of option price and taxes by above withholding

Edward L. Hutton

09/28/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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