DUN & BRADSTREET CORP/NW Form 3 December 08, 2004 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> COUGHLIN CHRISTOPHER J			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DUN & BRADSTREET CORP/NW [DNB]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationsh Person(s) to I	ip of Reporting ssuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
103 JFK PARKWAY				(Check all applicable)					
	(Street)			(Cheek	an applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group			
SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078				XDirector10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)		r Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		Ownership Ow	Nature of Indirect Beneficial mership str. 5)			
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)									
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	· · · ·	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

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(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COUGHLIN CHRISTOPHER J 103 JFK PARKWAY SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						
Marjorie Pierre-Merritt, Attorney-in-fact		12/08/200	04			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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