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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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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

Symbol

1(b).

Patel Paresh

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Homeowners Choice, Inc. [HCI]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 5300 W. CY STREET, S	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2013				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer						
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) TAMPA, FL 33607					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common stock									284,000	D (1)	
Common stock									65,450	D	
Common stock									33,644	I	IRA
Common stock	05/16/2013			A		400,000 (2)	A	<u>(2)</u>	400,000 (2)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		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	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (3)	\$ 2.5					<u>(4)</u>	09/05/2017	Common	60,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (3)	\$ 2.5					(5)	05/31/2017	Common	60,000	
Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, no par value (6)	\$ 10					03/25/2011	<u>(7)</u>	Common	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
rg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Patel Paresh 5300 W. CYPRESS STREET SUITE 100 TAMPA, FL 33607	X		Chief Executive Officer				

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Signatures

/s/ Cathy J. Welch as Attorney-in-fact for Paresh Patel

05/20/2013

**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) Shares are held jointly with spouse.

Restricted stock grant of 400,000 shares effective 5/16/2013: Restrictions will lapse: (i) as to 100,000 shares, one year after the closing price of HCI common shares equals or exceeds \$35 per share for 20 consecutive trading days; (ii) as to 100,000 shares, one year after the closing price of HCI common shares equals or exceeds \$50 per share for 20 consecutive trading days; (iii) as to 100,000 shares, one year

- after the closing price of HCI common shares equals or exceeds \$65 per share for 20 consecutive trading days; (iv) as to 100,000 shares, one year after the closing price of HCI common shares equals or exceeds \$80 per share for 20 consecutive trading days. All shares of which restrictions have not lapsed 6 years and one day from grant date will be forfeited. These shares were granted by the company pursuant to the company's 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan and under the terms and conditions of a restricted stock agreement dated 5/16/2013.
- (3) The options were granted pursuant to the Homeowners Choice, Inc. 2007 Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (4) These options vest and become immediately exercisable upon the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock reaching \$7.50 per share.
- (5) Commencing on June 1, 2007 and continuing on the first day of each calendar month thereafter through and including January 1, 2010, the amount of 5,000 options will vest and become exercisable on each such monthly vesting date.
- Shares were purchased in connection with Homeowners Choice, Inc.'s ("HCI") offering of its 7% Series A Cumulative Redeemable

 Preferred Stock ("Series A Preferred"), which was completed on March 25, 2011. Each share of the Series A Preferred will be convertible, at the holder's option at any time, initially into one share of HCI's common stock based upon an initial conversion price of \$10.00 per share.
- HCI may terminate this conversion right on or after March 31, 2014, if, for at least twenty trading days within any period of thirty consecutive trading days, the market price of HCI's common stock exceeds the conversion price of the Series A Preferred by more than 20% and HCI's common stock is then traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the NASDAQ Global Market, the NASDAQ Capital Market, or the NYSE Amex.

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