

McLain James
Form 4
September 13, 2005

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
McLain James

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP
INC [SIGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

40 WANTAGE AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/09/2005

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

Senior Vice President

BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/09/2005		M	3,500 A	\$ 29,537.227 (1) 20.75	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S	3,500 D	\$ 26,037.227 (1) 48.3	D	
Common Stock					640.0681	I	by wife in 401(k)

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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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date of Selling (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 20.75	09/09/2005		M	3,500	02/05/2002	02/05/2012	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
McLain James 40 WANTAGE AVENUE BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890	Senior Vice President

Signatures

James McLain 09/13/2005

__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) Includes 40.305 shares acquired under the Selective Insurance Group, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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