FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GELFAND NEAL | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERADA HESS CORP [AHC] | | | | | | | | | neck all ap Dire | plicable) ctor | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|--|--|--|----------------------|-------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|-----------|---------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1185 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/21/2004 | | | | | | | | | X belo | , | bel ce Presiden | · ' | |
| (Street) NEW YO (City) | | | .0036 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Lin | e) X For | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | d Secu Bene | ficially ed Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A (D |) or) | Price | Trans | saction(s) . 3 and 4) | | (iiisti. 4) | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value 09/21 | | | | /2004 | | S | | 1,000 | | A | \$87. | 96 | 15,470 | D ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble II - D | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | | Owned | I | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Date Execution Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Expiratio (Month/D | 5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Title Shares | | ount | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This amount includes 10,000 shares held in escrow pursuant to the Corporation's Second Amended and Restated 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The reporting person has only voting power of these shares until the lapsing of the period set by the Committee administering the plan at which time the shares plus accrued dividends will be delivered to the reporting person if he is still an employee of the Corporation.

> George C. Barry for Neal Gelfand

09/21/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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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