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* Fussell Stephen R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ]									eck all appl Direct	icable) or	10% Ov		ner
(Last) 100 ABE	Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2009									below	r (give title ) Senior Vice Pr		Other (specify below)  resident	
(Street) ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  Compared to the state of the st				
(City) (State) (Zip)															Person				an ig
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									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4)		1	Instr. 4)
Common shares without par value 02/20					0/200	2009		A		27,200(1)		A	\$0	136	136,752(2)		D		
Common shares without par value														1,	1,398 <sup>(3)</sup>		I 9	Profit Sharing Trust	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, Transa Code (I			of		6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	n Date	of Secu Underly Derivat		Title and Amount Securities Iderlying rivative Security str. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		expiration Date	Title	N O	Amount or Number of Shares	1 1				
Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$54.14	02/20/2009			A		38,700		02/20/202	10 0	2/19/2019	Comm		38,700	\$0	38,70	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 5-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- 2. Amount is subject to adjustment pursuant to a domestic relations order.
- 3. Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 19, 2009.
- 4. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 12,900 on 02/20/2010, 12,900 on 02/20/2011, and 12,900 on 02/20/2012.

John A. Berry by power of attorney for Stephen R. Fussell

02/24/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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