STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Cooley Richard Scott
(C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60602

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Morningstar, Inc. [ MORN ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

8/26/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)


5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

_____ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__ X Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

_ X 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3. Trans. Code</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>8/26/2010</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>3625</td>
<td>$14.13</td>
<td>D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$14.13</td>
<td>8/26/2010</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>(1) 5/1/2011</td>
<td>Common Stock 1000</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>D</td>
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<td>D</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships
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Cooley Richard Scott C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET | Director 10% Owner Officer  Other
CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Chief Financial Officer
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).


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