

FORM 4

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

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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 * Phillips Donald James II <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET <small>(Street)</small> CHICAGO, IL 60602 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Morningstar, Inc. [MORN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">12/27/2011</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President, Fund Research 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	12/27/2011		M		5000	A	\$24.3137 (2)	266692	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2011		S (1)		5000	D	\$60.1053 (3)	261692	D	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$24.3137 (2)	12/27/2011		M		5000	(4)	5/2/2015	Common Stock	5000	\$ 0	11840	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 11, 2011.
- (2) The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of grant (\$18.50). On December 23, 2011, the exercise price was \$24.3029.
- (3) The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.40. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) The options became exercisable in 4 equal installments on May 2, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Phillips Donald James II C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602	X		President, Fund Research	

Signatures/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney12/27/2011

** 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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