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 *
   Phillips Donald James II
   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)
   12/27/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   __X___ Director
   __X___ Officer (give title below)
   ___ 10% Owner
   ___ Other (specify below)
   President, Fund Research

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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
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<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>12/27/2011</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>$24.3137 (2)</td>
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<td>12/27/2011</td>
<td>S (1)</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>$60.1053 (3)</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</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
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<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option</td>
<td>$24.3137 (2)</td>
<td>12/27/2011</td>
<td>M</td>
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<td>(4)</td>
<td>5/2/2015</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
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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.

Reporting Owners

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<td>Officer President, Fund Research</td>
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Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney  12/27/2011

** 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).


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