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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>BARGER DONALD G JR |                    |  |  |              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>QUANEX CORP</u> [ NX ] |  |  |           |  |                          |   | eck all applica<br>X Director                      | onship of Reporting<br>III applicable)<br>Director  |  | 10% Ow                 | ner  |  |
|--|--------------------|--|--|--------------|--|--|--|-----------|--|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First)<br>1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH                         |                    |  | (Middle)   |              |  | Date (<br>2/27/2                           |  | Trans     | saction (Month                                 | n/Day/Year)              |   | Officer (give title below)                         |   | Other (sp<br>below)  |                        | ecify  |  |
| SUITE 1500   |                    |  |  |              | 4.   | If Ame                                     | endment, I   | Date o    | of Original File                               | ed (Month/Da             | 6. Ir<br>Line   | dividual or Jo                                     | oint/Group  | Filing   | (Check App             | licable  |  |
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| (City)   | (S                 | tate)                                      | (Zip)  |              |  |  |  |           |  |                          |   |  |   |  |                        |  |  |
|  |                    |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 7. Nature of                                   |                          |   |  |   |  |                        |  |  |
|  |                    |  | Date<br>(Month/                                      | /Day/Year)   |  | Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea |  | Code (Ins |  | d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar |   | 5) Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned Fo<br>Reported | ally<br>=ollowing                                   | Form: D<br>(D) or In<br>(I) (Instr   | Indirect E<br>tr. 4) 0 | ndirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                         |  |
|  |                    |  |  |              |  |  |  | Code V    |  | (A) o<br>(D)             |   | Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a                           | on(s)   |  |                        |  |  |
|  |                    |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | uired, Dis<br>s, options,                      |                          |   |  | Owned   |  |                        |  | -  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | Conversion         | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/\ | ate, Tr<br>C | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                  |  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |           | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/\ | ate                      | d 7. Title and Am<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported |                        | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |                    |  |  | c            | ode  | v  | (A)  | (D)       | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date       | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                |   | Transactio<br>(Instr. 4)   | on(s)                  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup>                       | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/27/2007                                 |  |              | A  |  | 68.275   |           | (3)  | (3)                      | Common<br>Stock   | 68.275   | \$39.18   | 13,635.3   | 352                    | D  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(4)</sup>                       | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/27/2007                                 |  |              | A  |  | 341.373  |           | (3)  | (3)                      | Common<br>Stock   | 341.373  | \$39.18   | 13,976.725   |                        | D  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                                   | (5)                |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | (6)  | (6)                      | Common<br>Stock   | 746  |   | 746  |                        | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$8.8055           |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2000                                     | 10/31/2010               | Common<br>Stock   | 4,500  |   | 4,500  |                        | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$11.5333          |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2001                                     | 10/31/2011               | Common<br>Stock   | 4,500  |   | 4,500  |                        | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$15.7955          |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2002                                     | 10/31/2012               | Common<br>Stock   | 4,500  |   | 4,500  | )                      | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$17.8             |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2003                                     | 10/31/2013               | Common<br>Stock   | 4,500  |   | 4,500  | )                      | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$22.5333          |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2004                                     | 10/31/2014               | Common<br>Stock   | 4,500  |   | 4,500  | )                      | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$33.51            |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2006                                     | 10/31/2016               | Common<br>Stock   | 3,388  |   | 3,388  | 3                      | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                          | \$38.6067          |  |  |              |  |  |  |           | 10/31/2005                                     | 10/31/2015               | Common<br>Stock   | 3,042  |   | 3,042  | 2                      | D  |  |
| •  | n of Respons       | ses:<br>to a participant's acco            | ount under the                                       | Deferred     | Com  | pensati                                    | on Plan as a   | a resul   | t of the Compa                                 | ny's 20% mate            | ching award   | of the partic                                      | ipant's deferra                                     | l of income  | or fees                | , as the case  | may be.  |

2. Conversion price is 1-for-1.

3. All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Deferred Compensation Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.

4. Units that are credited to the participants account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.

5. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive cash in an amount equivalent to the value of one share of NX common stock.

6. The restricted stock unit will vest immediately, but will not be payable until death, disability or cessation of service on the board or change of control.

John J. Mannion, Power of

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

<u>Attorney</u>

02/28/2007

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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