FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BALLOU ROBERT C					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner						
(Last)	(First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2003									Officer (give title below) President - Vehicular Products					
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(City)	(State) (Zip)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriva	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally (Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date					Execution Date,				4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				and 5) Secu Bene Owne		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	nt (A)		Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 06/30/2						003 07/03/2003		J ⁽¹⁾		1.462		A	29.9995		259.49		D				
Common Stock 07/01/2						2003 07/03/		2003	J ⁽²⁾		30.406		A	30.2563		3 289.896		D			
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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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code (I				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/E	on Dat		o			Deriv Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	: t (D) lirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- 2. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Terry M. Murphy 07/03/2003

** 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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