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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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ELIAS HOWARD D</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI] | | | | | | | | | | | olicable) | g Person | erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|--|--|--------|------|--|---|--|---|--|--|-----------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2009 | | | | | | | | | | er (give title w) | | Other below) | (specify | | |
| 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE | | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) MCLEAN VA 22107 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | Form | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (St | ate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | ay/Year) Exe | | A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dis | | urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 4 and Sec | | icially d Following | 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 | • | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (1130.4) | | | | |
| Common Stock 08/04/ | | | | | | | | | P | | 1,000 | | A \$7. | | 509 2,000 | | 2,000 | D | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber ıres | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorneyin-Fact 08/05/2009

** 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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