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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV] PAYNE MELVIN C X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2014 CEO 3040 POST OAK BLVD **SUITE 300** 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person 77056 HOUSTON TX Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of **Execution Date** Transaction Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Code (Instr. Beneficially 8) Owned Following Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (A) or (D) ٧ Amount Price Common Stock 02/28/2014 7,621(1) \$20.6 1,371,373 D F D Common Stock 3,518 **Spouse** daughter Common Stock 70,000 in same Ī household Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 10 1 Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 11 Nature Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Execution Date Conversion Expiration Date Amount of derivative Ownership of Indirect Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Derivative or Exercise if any Code (Instr. (Month/Day/Year) Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Derivative or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Acquired Derivative Owned (A) or Disposed Security Security (Instr. 3 Following and 4) Reported of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount

Date

Exercisable

Expiration

Title

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares withheld on February 28, 2014 to cover taxes associated with the vesting of shares of restricted stock granted on February 28, 2011.

Code

Remarks:

/s/ Melvin C. Payne

Shares

03/03/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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