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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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>FARWELL DAVID L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 551 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 300 (Street) NEW YORK NY 10176 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/ [ABM]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP/Chief of Staff/Treasurer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2008	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/02/2008		F		356	D	\$20.76	4,857 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/03/2008		A		25	A	\$16.68	4,882 ⁽³⁾	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Dividend Equivalent Rights ⁽⁴⁾	(5)	11/03/2008		A		66		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	66	\$0.00	66	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Dividend equivalent rights (DERs) accrued on the restricted stock units granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, which shall vest in the same manner as the restricted stock units to which they relate. Each DER is the economic equivalent of one share of ABM common stock.
- Includes 3,408 RSUs. Restrictions on 993 shares lapsed on 10/2/08.
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- Dividend equivalent rights (DERs) accrued on the performance shares granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. Each DER is the economic equivalent of one share of ABM common stock.
- DERs vest in the same manner as the performance shares to which they relate.

Remarks:

By: Barbara L. Smithers, by 11/05/2008
power of attorney

** 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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