FORM 4

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|------------------|----------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MULHOLLAND MICHAEL D |                  |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC [ BBSI ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify                  |
| (Last)<br>4724 SW MACA   | (First) ADAM AVE | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2005                        | Vice President - Finance & Sec   |
| (Street) PORTLAND  | OR               | 97239    | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |         | Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------|--|---|-------------------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code                     | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)       |   | (Instr. 4)              |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                        |   | 4,000   | A             | \$3.63  | 4,500                                    | D   |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                        |   | 20,000  | A             | \$3     | 24,500                                   | D   |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                        |   | 3,000   | A             | \$3.02  | 27,500                                   | D   |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2005                                 |   | S                        |   | 27,000  | D             | \$22.03 | 500                                      | D   |                         |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | Derivative |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |                                     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 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) |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------|--------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|
|  |   |  |   | Code                            | v | (A)        | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Employee Stock<br>Option                         | \$3.63  | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                               |   |            | 4,000  | 03/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 03/01/2011         | Common<br>Stock  | 4,000                               | \$0   | 103                          | D  |  |
| Employee Stock<br>Option                         | \$3   | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                               |   |            | 20,000 | 08/20/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 08/20/2012         | Common<br>Stock  | 20,000                              | \$0   | 40,000                       | D  |  |
| Employee Stock<br>Option                         | \$3.02  | 03/10/2005                                 |   | M                               |   |            | 3,000  | 06/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 06/04/2013         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                               | \$0   | 12,000                       | D  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

Michael D. Mulholland

03/14/2005

\*\* 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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<sup>1.</sup> Becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).