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
   PARRISH O B
   THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY
   515 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 2225
   CHICAGO IL 60610

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   FEMALE HEALTH CO [ FHCO ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
   10/15/2003

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   X Director
   10% Owner
   X Officer (give title below)
   Chairman of the Board and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

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<th>Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Shares held by Phoenix Health Care of Illinois, Inc. ("Phoenix"), of which the reporting person is an officer, director and shareholder. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares held by Phoenix except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
2. Shares purchased by Phoenix.

James M. Bedore, Attorney-in-fact
10/15/2003

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).
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