1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

**PARRISH O B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)

10/01/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

- Director
- 10% Owner
- Officer (give title below)
- Chairman of the Board
- Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

- Form filed by One Reporting Person
- Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
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<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>
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<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<td>Common Stock, par value $.01 per share</td>
<td>10/01/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>222,900</td>
<td>D</td>
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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>
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<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person also is deemed to indirectly own 233,501 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.

James M. Bedore, Attorney-in-fact 10/05/2004

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

**Signature of Reporting Person**

Date


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