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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>JCF FPK I LP</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 717 FIFTH AVENUE 26TH FLOOR  (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008	
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								5,737,032 <sup>(1)</sup>	D <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	01/02/2008		A		5,931	A	\$0	5,742,963 <sup>(1)</sup>	D <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	

**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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
JCF FPK I LP  
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 NEW YORK NY 10022  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
JCF Associates II-A LP  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
JCF Associates II-A LLC  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. JCF FPK I LP, an Alberta limited partnership, JCF Associates II-A LP, a Delaware limited partnership, JCF Associates II-A LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and J. Christopher Flowers may be deemed to be part of a group with Red Mountain Capital Partners LLC, Red Mountain Capital Partners II, L.P., Red Mountain Capital Partners III, L.P., RMCP GP LLC, Red Mountain Capital Management Inc. and Willem Mesdag (collectively, "Red Mountain") and, accordingly, may be deemed, for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and the rules promulgated thereunder (the "Exchange Act") to beneficially own the 3,435,062 shares of Common Stock of Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") beneficially owned by Red Mountain. The reporting persons do not have any pecuniary interest in such securities and disclaim beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or for any other purposes.

2. These shares are held directly by JCF FPK I LP. J. Christopher Flowers holds an indirect interest in the reported securities through a pecuniary interest in JCF Associates II-A LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. JCF Associates II-A LLC holds an indirect interest in the reported securities through a pecuniary interest in JCF Associates II-A LP, a Delaware limited partnership. JCF Associates II-A LP holds an indirect interest in the reported securities through a pecuniary interest in JCF FPK I LP, a Delaware limited partnership. Mr. Flowers is the sole managing member of JCF Associates II-A LLC, which is the general partner of JCF Associates II-A LP, which is the general partner of JCF FPK I LP. Mr. Flowers therefore controls JCF Associates II-A LLC, which controls JCF Associates II-A LP, which controls JCF FPK I LP. (con't)

3. (con't) Mr. Flowers, JCF Associates II-A LLC and JCF Associates II-A LP disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that Mr. Flowers, JCF Associates II-A LLC and JCF Associates II-A LP have beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or for any other purposes.

4. On January 2, 2008, Encore issued 5,931 restricted stock units ("RSUs") to JCF FPK I LP under the Encore 2005 Stock Incentive Plan in connection with the service of Tim Hanford and John Oros as members of Encore's board of directors. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock. These 5,931 RSUs are not subject to vesting.

JCF FPK I LP /s/ Sally Rocker 01/04/2008  
Title: Managing Director

JCF Associates II-A LP /s/ Sally Rocker 01/04/2008  
Title: Managing Director

JCF Associates II-A LLC /s/ Sally Rocker 01/04/2008  
Title: Managing Director

J. Christopher Flowers /s/ J. Christopher Flowers 01/04/2008

\*\* 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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