FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | pe Response | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PETERSON ROBERT A | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACTUANT CORP [ATU] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6100 NORTH BAKER ROAD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2005 | | | | | | Office | r (give title belo | ow) | Other (specify b | elow) | | |
| (Street) MILWAUKEE, WI 53209 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | if C | (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) | | Following | Ownership Form: | Beneficial | |
| | | | | (Month/I | Jay/Ye | ar) | Code | V | Amoun | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 a | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | \ / | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A (| Common S | Stock | 04/25/2005 | | | | P | | 1,000 | A | \$ 43.14 | 1,000 | | | I | By IRA |
| Class A | Common S | Stock | | | | | | | | | | 6,400 | | | D | |
| | | | or each class of secur | | e Secu | rities | Acquii | Persons the s | sons whatained in form dis | no responding this formal section in this formal section in the se | orm are a curre eneficia | e not requently valid | OMB conf | ormation spond unle trol numbe | ss | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transactio | | 4. | , cans, | 5. | ants, o | | ate Exer | | | itle and | 8. Price of | 9. Number o | of 10. | 11. Natur |
| Derivative Security | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | Year) any | | | on Nu of De See Ac (A Dis of | | | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Am Und Sec | ount of derlying urities tr. 3 and | (Instr. 5) | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownersl Form of Derivati Security Direct (I | nip of Indirect Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | ode V | V (A | A) (D) | Date Exe | e rcisable | Expirati Date | on Titl | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| PETERSON ROBERT A | | | | | | |
| 6100 NORTH BAKER ROAD MILWAUKEE, WI 53209 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| Eric Orsic, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A. Peterson | 04/27/2005 | | |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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