## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)																
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						
(Last) (First) (Middle) N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2012							-			e title below)	Ot	her (specify be	low)	
(Street)				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						
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1.Title of S	Security		2. Transaction	2A. De	eme			ansact			ies Acqu				ecurities Be	neficially Own	6.	7. Nature
(Instr. 3) Date		Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, is any (Month/Day/Year			(Instr. 8)			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)						1	Form: Direct (D)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							C	Code V		amount	(A) or (D)	Price				or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Class A	Common S	Stock	01/09/2012				4	A	1 <u>(1</u>	,743 <u>)</u>	A	(2) 7	7,643				D	
Class A	Common S	Stock										1	16,400				I	By IRA
Class A Common Stock											3	3,000 (3)				I	By Trust for Benefit of Son	
Class A Common Stock										3	3,000 (3)			I	By Trust for Benefit of Daughter			
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			Table II -								or Bene le securi		Owned					
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)	Code	3)	5. Num of Deriva Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 2 and 5)	tive ies ed	Expiration Date of United Month/Day/Year) of United Securification of U		of Unde Securiti	itle and Amount Juderlying urities tr. 3 and 4)			9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form of Deriva Securi Direct or Indi	tive Ownersl (Instr. 4) (D) rect		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		isable	Expir Date	ation	Title	or N of	umber				
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.87	01/09/2012		A		6,843		12/0	9/2012	01/0	9/2022	Class Comm Stoc	non 6	5,843	\$ 0	6,843	D	

#### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PETERSON ROBERT A			
N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING	X		
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051			

### **Signatures**

/s/ Eric Orsic, as Attorney-in-Fact	01/11/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

- $\star$  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)
- (1) Restricted stock units granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trust.
- (4) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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