

Grissom Sheri
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Grissom Sheri

(Last) (First) (Middle)

N86 W12500 WESTBROOK
CROSSING

(Street)

MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACTUANT CORP [ATU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/09/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

VP Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2012 | | A | 3,100 (1) | A (2) 17,594 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 880 (3) | I | By 401(k) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 1,066 (4) | I | By Deferred Compensation Plan |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 22.87 | 01/09/2012 | | A | 8,000 | <u>(6)</u> 01/09/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 8,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Grissom Sheri N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051 | | | VP Human Resources | |

Signatures

/s/ Eric Orsic, as
Attorney-in-Fact

01/11/2012

 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).

(1) Restricted stock units granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(2) Not applicable.

Represents the best estimate of the number of share equivalents held by the reporting person in the unitized stock fund of the Actuant (3) 401(k) Plan. The unitized stock fund consists of stock of Actuant and cash and other short term investments. The number of Actuant share equivalents fluctuates depending on the ratio of the number of shares of stock of Actuant in the fund to other investments.

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- (4) Best estimate of shares held pursuant to Actuant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (6) Fifty percent of the option becomes exercisable on 01/09/2015 and the balance becomes exercisable on 01/09/2017.

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