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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ball F Michael

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O STEC, INC., 3001 DAIMLER

STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

STEC, INC. [STEC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Indirect

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

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

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

Issuer

below)

(City) (State) (Zip)

SANTA ANA, CA 92705-5812

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

4. Securities

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned

(D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Execution Date, if

any

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4.

Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	-	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	posed of 3, 4,				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.02 (2)	05/18/2012		A		15,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/18/2022	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ball F Michael C/O STEC, INC. 3001 DAIMLER STREET SANTA ANA, CA 92705-5812	X						

Signatures

/s/ F. Michael Ball /rms under power of attorney

**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).
- These stock options are issued as annual compensation to non-employee directors of STEC and vest during continuation of Board service in 4 equal annual installments following the date of award, or if earlier, upon change in control of STEC. The date of award and vesting start date is May 18, 2012 the date immediately following STEC's Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (2) The exercise price per share is 100% of the fair market value of STEC's common stock on the date of grant.

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