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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)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stephan Michael J Issuer Symbol AUTONATION INC /FL [AN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 110 SE 6TH STREET - 29TH 03/02/2009 below) below) **FLOOR** VP - Corporate Controller

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,872 03/02/2009 A <u>(4)</u> $3,778 \frac{(2)}{}$ D

(1) Stock

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)

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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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.92	03/02/2009		A	1,402	(3)	03/02/2019	Common Stock	1,402

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stephan Michael J 110 SE 6TH STREET - 29TH FLOOR FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

VP - Corporate Controller

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/04/2009

**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) These shares of restricted stock vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 1, 2010, subject to continuous employment with the Company.
- (2) Unvested shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Stephan.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on June 1, 2010, subject to continuous employment with the Company.
- (4) N/A

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