

Anderson Stephen  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Å Anderson Stephen</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>A. O. SMITH WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY, Å 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ASHLAND CITY, Å TN Å 37015</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/10/2011</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SMITH A O CORP [AOS]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Designated Section 16 Officer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	9,901	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Anderson Stephen A. O. SMITH WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY ASHLAND CITY, TN 37015	Â	Â	Â	Designated Section 16 Officer

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen Anderson 10/17/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Employee stock options were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 3,450 employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2008 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/11/2009. 2,299 stock options were previously exercised and 1,151 are outstanding; 5,850 employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2009 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/09/2010. 1,950 stock options were previously exercised and 3,900 are outstanding; 2,850 employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2010 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2011; 2,000 employee stock options were granted on 02/07/2011 and become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/07/2012. All employee stock options expire ten years after the date of the award.
- (2) Restricted stock units were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 1,650 restricted stock units were granted on 02/09/2009; 1,050 restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2010; and 800 restricted stock units were granted on 02/07/2011. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date, which is three years after the grant date.

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