LARSON MICHAEL

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LARSON MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Middle) AUTONATION, INC. [AN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Check all applicable)

200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2011

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

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

Person

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) 4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

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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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares Stock Option Common $A_{\underline{-}1}^{(1)}$ 12/01/2011 12/01/2021 \$ 35.99 12/01/2011 5,000 5,000 Stock (right to

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LARSON MICHAEL
200 SW 1ST AVE
SUITE 1600
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Signatures

buy)

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) The stock option has been granted pursuant to the AutoNation, Inc. 2007 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended.

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