GRUSKY ROBERT R

Form 4 March 02, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRUSKY ROBERT R

(First) (Middle)

200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

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

03/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 (City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

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

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

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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 of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

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

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

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	Derivative Security				(A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.09	03/01/2012	A		5,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2022	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRUSKY ROBERT R

200 SW 1ST AVE

SUITE 1600

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/02/2012

**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) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2012, or in full upon termination of Board membership if prior to June 1, 2016.

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