FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Ownership

Form:

of Indirect

Beneficial

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ACME UNITED CORP [ACU] DRISCOLL PAUL G Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle) Vice President and CFO 01/21/2020 C/O ACME UNITED CORP 55 WALLS DRIVE 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 06824 **FAIRFIELD** CT Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature **Execution Date** Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Code (Instr. 5) Beneficially Beneficial Owned Following Ownership 8) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) ٧ Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature

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| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| ı | Employee Stock Option | \$24.06 | 01/21/2020 | | A | | 2,500 | | (1) | 01/21/2030 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$24.06 | 161,300 | D | |

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Explanation of Responses:

Conversion

or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

Derivative

Security

1. 25% one day after first year anniversary of date of grant; 25% one day after second year anniversary of date of grant; 25% one day after third year anniversary of date of grant; 25% one day after fourth year anniversary of date of grant.

/s/ Paul G. Driscoll

Amount of

Securities

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Security

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Securities

01/22/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

Execution Date

if any

Transaction

Code (Instr.

Derivative

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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