Instruction 1(b).

FORM 5

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Form 4 Transactions Reported.				or Section	or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940											
Name and Address of Reporting Person* HOLDEN RICHMOND Y JR				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACME UNITED CORP [ACU]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	`	,	(Middle)	1	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2002						Year)	Office below	(specify			
C/O ACME UNITED CORP (Street) FAIRFIELD CT 06825				1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2003						· .	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)													
		Tab	le I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	uriti	es A	cquired	l, D	isposed	of, or B	enefici	ally Owne	ed			
Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amou Securiti Benefic	es ially	Form	ership In : Be	Nature of idirect eneficial		
			(Month/Day/)	rear)	8)	4	Amo	ount	(A) or (D)		Issuer's	Fiscal	Direc Indire (Instr	ect (Í) (Ir	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		T	able II - Deriva (e.g., p	tive Secur outs, calls,												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. :		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option	\$5.1875						04/27/20	01	04/27/2008	Common Stock	10,000		25,000 ⁽¹	1)	D	
Stock Option	\$2.156						04/27/19	99	04/27/2009	Common Stock	2,500		25,000 ⁽¹	1)	D	
Stock Option	\$2.375						04/21/20	00	04/21/2010	Common Stock	2,500		25,000 ⁽¹	1)	D	
Stock Option	\$2.9						04/24/20	01	04/24/2011	Common Stock	7,500		25,000 ⁽¹	1)	D	
Stock Option	\$4.2						04/22/20	02	04/22/2012	Common Stock	2,500		25,000 ⁽¹⁾	1)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Note: Adjust for addition error - decrease shares by 500.

/s/ Richmond Y. Holden 01/23/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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