## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>®</sup><br>North Star Investment Management<br>Corp. |  |   |      |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACME UNITED CORP</u> [ acu ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |      |  |  |               |  |   |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director X 10% Owner  |   |                      |               |  |   |
|---|--|---|------|-----------|--|------|--|--|---------------|--|---|--|---|---|----------------------|---------------|--|---|
|   |  |   |      |           | 05/31/2012   |      |  |  |               |  |   |  |   | Offic<br>belo   | er (give title<br>w) | e             | Oth<br>belo  | er (specify<br>w)   |
| (Last)(First)(Middle)20 N. WACKER DRIVESUITE # 1416   |  |   |      | 4. lf /   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |      |  |  |               |  |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |                      |               |  |   |
| (Street)  |  |   |      |           |  |      |  |  |               |  |   |  |   | Pers  | •                    | ore th        | ian One F  | leporting   |
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| (City)  | (St  | ate) (Z   | /ip) |           |  |      |  |  |               |  |   |  |   |   |                      |               |  |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                  |  |   |      |           |  |      |  |  |               |  |   |  |   |   |                      |               |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)<br>2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Y                         |  |   |      | ear) if a | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y   |      | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr<br>8) |  |               | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |   |  |   |   | es<br>ially          | Forn<br>(D) o | rect (I)   | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |   |      |           | Code   | de V |  | mount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  |   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   |                      | . ,           |  |   |
| Acme United Corporation 01/30/2013  |  |   |      | 3         |  |      |  |  |               | 623  | A   | \$12.11  | 52  | 350   | 350,896              |               | Ι  | Investment<br>Advisor   |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned     (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |      |           |  |      |  |  |               |  |   |  |   |   |                      |               |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | Conversion Date Execution Date,<br>or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)<br>Price of Date (Month/Day/Year)<br>Derivative |      | Code (    | saction<br>e (Instr.<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5)                                   |      | ve (Ma<br>es<br>d                      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |               |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |  | of<br>De<br>Se  | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)<br>8. Security<br>(Instr. 5)<br>8. Security<br>Security<br>Security<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) |                      | ily<br>I      | 10.<br>Ownersh<br>Form:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indire<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership   |

Explanation of Responses:

## 01/30/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

or Number

of

Melissa Diamond

Shares

Title

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

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

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Exercisable Date

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