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* WARD STEVENSON E III | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACME UNITED CORP [ACU] | | | | | | | | | Relationshi eck all app X Direc | olicable) | , | Person(s) to Issuer | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|----------|-----|---|-----|----------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | ` | • | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2013 | | | | | | | | | Offic belov | er (give title w) | Othe belo | r (specify w) | |
| C/O ACME UNITED CORP 60 ROUND HILL ROAD | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) FAIRFIELD CT 06824 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | | | | | | Execution Date | | | Transaction Dispos | | | urities Ac sed Of (D) | | | Secur | icially d | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amou | mount (A) | | Price | Repor Trans | | , | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | [] [] | B. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration te | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |
| Stock Option | \$12.27 | 04/22/2013 | | | A | | 5,000 | | 04/22/2013 | 04/ | 21/2023 | Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | \$12.27 | 32,750 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Stevenson E. Ward, III 04/24/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person Da

Date

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

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