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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JOHNSEN WALTER C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1 WATERVIEW DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>SHELTON CT 06484</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACME UNITED CORP [ACU]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below) <u>Chairman and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/29/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	M		30,000	A	\$23.99	344,999	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	F		20,361 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$59.9	324,638	D	

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$23.99	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	M			30,000	01/24/2019	01/24/2027	Common Stock	30,000	\$23.99	353,500	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$59.9	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	A		25,000		07/31/2030	07/31/2036	Common Stock	25,000	\$59.9	378,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The exercise of the subject option was effected on a net share settlement basis.

/s/ Walter C. Johnsen
** Signature of Reporting Person

07/31/2026
Date

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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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