## 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> MURPHY SUSAN H						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACME UNITED CORP</u> [ ACU ]     3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									ck all app Direc	blicable) tor		Owner
(Last)	(Fi	st) (Middle)			04/23	04/23/2012									belo	er (give title w)	belov	r (specify v)
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) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(Street) FAIRFIELD CT 06824														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) Date (Month/Day					Exe if a	Deeme ecution ny onth/Da	Date,	Code (In	Transaction Dispo Code (Instr. and 5)		urities Acquired ( sed Of (D) (Instr. 3			Secur	icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amou	unt (A) or (D)		Price	Repor Trans		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
	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)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		on Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		of De Se (Ir	Price erivative ecurity astr. 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		oiration te	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber				
Stock Option	\$10.83	04/23/2012			Α		4,750		04/23/2012	04/	22/2022	Common Stock	4,7:	50	\$10.83	34,250	D	

Explanation of Responses:

<u>/s/ Susan H. Murphy</u> 04/25/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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).

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