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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>MURPHY SUSAN H</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>1 WATERVIEW DRIVE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>SHELTON CT 06484</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip)  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>ACME UNITED CORP [ ACU ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>03/04/2024</b>          |   |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication<br><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |  |   |

**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                    | 03/04/2024                           | 03/04/2024   | M                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$16.71 | 12,287  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/04/2024                           | 03/04/2024   | D                              |   | 5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D          | \$44.16 | 7,287   | 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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$16.71  | 03/04/2024                           | 03/04/2024   | M                              |   |  | 5,000 | 04/22/2014   | 04/21/2024      | Common Stock  | 5,000                                      | \$16.71  | 29,000  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The exercise of the subject option was effected on a net cash settlement basis in a transaction directly with the issuer not involving the actual issuance of any shares of the underlying common stock.

/s/ Susan H. Murphy 03/06/2024

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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