

Grissom Sheri  
Form 4  
January 11, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Grissom Sheri

(Last) (First) (Middle)

N86 W12500 WESTBROOK  
CROSSING

(Street)

MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ACTUANT CORP [ATU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

VP Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 01/09/2012                              |   | A                                       | 3,100<br>(1)   | A (2) 17,594   | D  |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            |   |   |   |  | 880 (3)  | I  | By 401(k)  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            |   |   |   |  | 1,066 (4)  | I  | By Deferred<br>Compensation<br>Plan                            |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(5)</sup> | \$ 22.87   | 01/09/2012                           |  | A                              | 8,000   | <sup>(6)</sup> 01/09/2022                                | Class A Common Stock  | 8,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Grissom Sheri  
N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

VP Human Resources

## Signatures

/s/ Eric Orsic, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/11/2012

                    Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Restricted stock units granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(2) Not applicable.

Represents the best estimate of the number of share equivalents held by the reporting person in the unitized stock fund of the Actuant  
(3) 401(k) Plan. The unitized stock fund consists of stock of Actuant and cash and other short term investments. The number of Actuant share equivalents fluctuates depending on the ratio of the number of shares of stock of Actuant in the fund to other investments.

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- (4) Best estimate of shares held pursuant to Actuant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (6) Fifty percent of the option becomes exercisable on 01/09/2015 and the balance becomes exercisable on 01/09/2017.

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