Rocket Fuel Inc. Form 4 February 09, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wootton Emmett Randolph III

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Rocket Fuel Inc. [FUEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

2000 SEAPORT BLVD, 4TH

(Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2017

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amoun Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securiti Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.31	02/07/2017		A		230,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2027	Common Stock	230,
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	02/07/2017		A		230,000		(2)	02/07/2020	Common Stock	230,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wootton Emmett Randolph III 2000 SEAPORT BLVD, 4TH FLOOR	X		Chief Executive Officer				
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063							

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Covington, as attorney-in-fact for Emmett Randolph
Wootton III 02/09/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- One-half of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on February 1, 2018 and one-half of the shares vest and become exercisable on February 1, 2019, subject to Reporting Person's continued service to Issuer as of each such date.
 - Each Performance Stock Unit ("PSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock. One-half of the shares subject to the PSUs will be earned when the average closing price of Issuer's common stock is at or above \$4 per share for a period of 30
- (2) calendar days, and an additional one-half of such shares will be earned when the average closing price of Issuer's common stock is at or above \$6 per share for a period of 30 calendar days. Any shares earned will then vest on the 18-month anniversary of the date such shares were earned, subject to Reporting Person's continued service to Issuer as of each such date.

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