

GATES WILLIAM H III

Form 4

January 09, 2009

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 *
CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2365 CARILLON POINT

(Street)

KIRKLAND, WA 98033

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AUTONATION INC /FL [AN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/07/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)

(See footnote 2)

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

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/07/2009		P	50,000	A \$ 9.9672 (1)	11,365,688 (2)	D

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)

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC 2365 CARILLON POINT KIRKLAND, WA 98033				(See footnote 2)
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052		X		

Signatures

Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By: /s/ Michael Larson, Business
Manager

01/09/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

William H Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact

01/09/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

Explanation of Responses:

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| * | If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> Instruction 4(b)(v). |
| ** | Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. <i>See</i> 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). |
| | This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.90 to \$10.00. The price reported above reflects the weighted |
| (1) | average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected. |
| | The reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a Section 13(d) group that beneficially owns more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding Common Stock. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person and any other person or persons in |
| (2) | fact constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the reporting person disclaims that it is the beneficial owner of securities owned by such other person or persons, except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest, if any, therein. |

Remarks:

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and

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