AUTONATION, INC.

Form 4

January 04, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2010

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROWLEY WILLIAM C

(First)

(Middle)

200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Person

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

(City) (State)

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

10% Owner Other (specify

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount

Exercisable Date

or Number of Shares

Stock

Option \$ 19.15 01/04/2010

A(1) 20,000

01/04/2010 01/04/2020

Common Stock 20,000

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROWLEY WILLIAM C 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600

X

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Signatures

/s/ William C. 01/04/2010 Crowley

**Signature of Date 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).
- (1) The stock option has been granted pursuant to the AutoNation, Inc. 2007 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan.

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