Rocket Fuel Inc. Form 4 December 29, 2014

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

SECURITIES

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thapar Manu

(First)

(Street)

(State)

12/23/2014

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

1900 SEAPORT BLVD

(Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2014

3.

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

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

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

Person

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

10% Owner

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Code V Amount

31,000 A A \$0 31,000 (1)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.2	12/23/2014		A	62,000	(2)	12/23/2024	Common Stock	62,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Keiauonsinps	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thapar Manu 1900 SEAPORT BLVD REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

SVP, Research & Development

Signatures

/s/ Ken Scully, as attorney-in-fact for Manu
Thapar

12/29/2014

**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) Each share is represented by a Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU"). One-fourth of the shares subject to the RSU will vest on December 10, 2015 and one eighth of the shares vest every six months thereafter.
- (2) One-fourth of the shares subject to the option will vest on November 24, 2015 and one forty-eighth of the shares vest monthly thereafter. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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