

AUTONATION INC /FL
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**BILL & MELINDA GATES
FOUNDATION TRUST**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98102

(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 below) Other (specify below)

(See footnote 2)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2009 | | P | | 50,000 | A | \$ 9.9672 (1) |
| | | | | | 10,292,100 | D | (2) |

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 Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST 1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E. SEATTLE, WA 98102 | | | | (See footnote 2) |

Signatures

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-in-Fact for each of the Co-Trustees, William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates 01/09/2009

*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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.90 to \$10.00. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.
- (2) 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 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 November 13, 2006, by

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