ACME UNITED CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * North Star Investment Management Corp.

> (Last) (First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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

05/31/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

20 N. WACKER DRIVE, SUITE # 1416

(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

CHICAGO, IL 60606

| (City) | (State) (Z | Table | I - Non-Do | erivative S | Securi | ties Acquire | d, Disposed of, o | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of 4 and (A) or | ` ′ | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Acme United Corporation | 06/27/2012 | | P | 500 | D | \$ 10.02 (1) (2) | 314,200 | I | Investment Advisor |
| Acme United Corporation | 07/23/2012 | | P | 5.257 (3) | A | \$ 10.26 | 317,750 | I | Investment Advisor |
| Acme United Corporation | 08/31/2012 | | P | 300 | A | \$ 10.8999 | 325,652 | I | Investment Advisor |
| Acme United | 08/31/2012 | | P | 125 | A | \$ 10.9 | 325,777 | I | Investment Advisor |

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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 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. Transa Code (Instr. | 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Amor Unde Secur | le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------|----|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| | | | | 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

North Star Investment Management Corp. 20 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE # 1416 CHICAGO, IL 60606

X

Signatures

Melissa Diamond 08/31/2012

**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) Account transferred out
- (2) Closing price on 06/27/2012
- (3) Dividend reinvest

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