AUTONATION, INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FERRANDO JONATHAN P

200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2009

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) EVP, Gen'l Counsel & Secretary

(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 Person

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

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(State) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date

Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Employee

Stock Option (right to

buy)

\$ 17.7

12/01/2009

39,938 A

(1) 03/02/2019 Common

39,938 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FERRANDO JONATHAN P 200 SW 1ST AVE **SUITE 1600** FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

EVP, Gen'l Counsel & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P.

12/03/2009

Ferrando

Date

**Signature of 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 option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on June 1, 2010, subject to continuous employment with the Company.

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