

GATES WILLIAM H III
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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 *
 CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AUTONATION INC /FL [AN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2365 CARILLON POINT

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/02/2008

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Other (specify below)
 (See footnote 2)

(Street)
 KIRKLAND, WA 98033

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___X___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	12/02/2008		P	97,500	\$ 8.916 (1)	11,315,688 (2)	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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Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with 5 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Includes Cascade Investment LLC and Gates William H III.

Signatures

Table with 2 columns: Signature (e.g., Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By: /s/ Michael Larson, Business Manager) and Date (e.g., 12/04/2008).

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 \$8.63 to \$9.18. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price.
(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.

Remarks:

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and for the account of the Reporting Person.
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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