

Ericson William W.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ericson William W.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Rocket Fuel Inc. [FUEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2000 SEAPORT BLVD., SUITE 400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/06/2017

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 13,905  | D  | 0                                 |

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) |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 29  | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 3,750  |     | <u>(2)</u> 09/19/2023   |                 | Common Stock | 3,750                      |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 23.59   | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 6,000  |     | <u>(2)</u> 06/09/2024   |                 | Common Stock | 6,000                      |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 8.47  | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 17,582   |     | <u>(2)</u> 06/08/2025   |                 | Common Stock | 17,582                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.24  | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 67,060   |     | <u>(2)</u> 06/14/2026   |                 | Common Stock | 67,060                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.68  | 09/06/2017                           |  | D                              |   | 55,090   |     | <u>(2)</u> 06/13/2027   |                 | Common Stock | 55,090                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ericson William W.<br>2000 SEAPORT BLVD., SUITE 400<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeff Mitchell, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/06/2017

\_\_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 outstanding share of the common stock of the Issuer was converted into the right to receive \$2.60 per share in cash, as described in the Merger Agreement.  
  
Each outstanding option of the Issuer was either (1) cancelled and converted automatically into the right to receive \$2.60 per share in cash, (2) cancelled without any cash payment or other consideration, or (3) assumed and converted automatically into the right to receive \$2.60 per share in cash, as described in the Merger Agreement.
  - (2)

### Remarks:

This Form 4 reports securities disposed pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of July 17, 2017 (t

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