

DOTSON GEORGE S
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FORM 4

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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 *
DOTSON GEORGE S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1579 E 21ST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/08/2011

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

TULSA, OK 74114
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 08/08/2011 | 08/08/2011 | M | 8,000 A | \$ 9.775 75,086 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/08/2011 | 08/08/2011 | M | 8,000 A | \$ 16.878 83,086 ⁽¹⁾ | 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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| 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 |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 9.775 | 08/08/2011 | 08/08/2011 | M | 8,000 | (2) | | 03/04/2014 | | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 16.878 | 08/08/2011 | 08/08/2011 | M | 8,000 | (3) | | 03/03/2015 | | Common Stock | 8,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DOTSON GEORGE S 1579 E 21ST STREET TULSA, OK 74114 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ George S. Dotson, Walter A. Baker By Power of Attorney 08/09/2011

__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) Represents the total number of shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person subsequent to the transactions reported hereby.
- (2) These options were granted on March 4, 2004 and vested 25% per year with full vesting on March 4, 2008.
- (3) These options were granted on March 3, 2005 and vested 25% per year with full vesting on March 3, 2009.
- (4) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price and expiration date subsequent to the transactions reported hereby.

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