

Updike James E. Jr.
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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 *
Updike James E. Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC
[KNX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/30/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP Sales and Marketing

PHOENIX, AZ 85043
(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. De |
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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) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 11/30/2011 | A | 10,000 | | | | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Updike James E. Jr. 5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD PHOENIX, AZ 85043 | | | Exec VP Sales and Marketing | |

Signatures

/James E.
Updike, Jr./ 12/02/2011

__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).
- Restricted stock units were granted on November 30, 2011, the restricted stock units vest as follows: ten percent (10%) on November 30, 2012; fifteen percent (15%) on November 30, 2013; twenty percent (20%) on November 30, 2014; twenty-five percent (25%) on November 30, 2015; and thirty percent (30%) on November 30, 2016. Stock is issued when and as vested.
- (1) 2012; fifteen percent (15%) on November 30, 2013; twenty percent (20%) on November 30, 2014; twenty-five percent (25%) on November 30, 2015; and thirty percent (30%) on November 30, 2016. Stock is issued when and as vested.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of KNX common stock. The restricted stock units were received as a grant for no consideration.

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