

Rocket Fuel Inc.  
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 \*  
Covington JoAnn

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1900 SEAPORT BLVD  
(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/25/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, General Counsel, CPO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

| 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                    | 03/25/2015                           |  | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>Amount<br>15,000<br>(1)                             | \$ 0 19,014 (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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| 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)       | \$ 9.68  | 03/25/2015                           |  | A                              | 10,000  | <u>(3)</u> 03/25/2025                                    | Common Stock 10,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Covington JoAnn<br>1900 SEAPORT BLVD<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 |               |           | VP, General Counsel, CPO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Scully, as attorney-in-fact for JoAnn Covington 03/27/2015

\_\_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 share is represented by a Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU"). One-fourth of the shares subject to the RSU vest on March 25, 2016 and one eighth of the shares vest every six months thereafter.
  - (2) This number has been and will be periodically reduced as a result of shares withheld by Rocket Fuel Inc. to satisfy taxes payable in connection with the vesting of previously awarded restricted stock units.
  - (3) One-fourth of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on March 25, 2016 and one forty-eighth of the shares vest and become exercisable monthly thereafter.

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