

AUTONATION, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1170 KANE CONCOURSE, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/30/2012

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

(Street)

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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BAY HARBOR, FL 33154

(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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 06/30/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,262,768   | D  | \$ 0<br><u>(1)</u>                |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   | 32,367,876  | D  | <u>(2)</u>                        |

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 (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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ESL PARTNERS, L.P.<br>1170 KANE CONCOURSE<br>SUITE 200<br>BAY HARBOR, FL 33154 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

ESL PARTNERS, L.P., By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner, By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner, By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert, Chief Executive Officer 07/03/2012

\_\_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) ESL Partners, L.P. ("Partners") has agreed to distribute these shares of common stock of AutoNation, Inc., par value \$0.01 per share (each, a "Share"), to limited partners of Partners in accordance with their pro rata interests in Partners. The Shares to be distributed will be contributed to limited partnerships of which RBS Partners, L.P. ("RBS") is the general partner.
- (2) In addition to being the general partner of the limited partnerships referred to above, RBS is the general partner of Partners. ESL Investments, Inc. ("Investments") is the general partner of RBS. Edward S. Lampert is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Investments. The pecuniary interest of each of RBS, Investments and Mr. Lampert will not change as a result of the transactions reported herein.

### Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 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. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.