

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 \*  
Wootton Emmett Randolph III

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2000 SEAPORT BLVD, 4TH FLOOR  
(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)  
02/07/2017

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)  
Chief Executive Officer

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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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 Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.31	02/07/2017	A	230,000					(1)	02/07/2027	Common Stock	230,000
Performance Stock Unit	(2)	02/07/2017	A	230,000					(2)	02/07/2020	Common Stock	230,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wootton Emmett Randolph III 2000 SEAPORT BLVD, 4TH FLOOR REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Covington, as attorney-in-fact for Emmett Randolph Wootton III 02/09/2017

\_\_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) One-half of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on February 1, 2018 and one-half of the shares vest and become exercisable on February 1, 2019, subject to Reporting Person's continued service to Issuer as of each such date.
- (2) Each Performance Stock Unit ("PSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock. One-half of the shares subject to the PSUs will be earned when the average closing price of Issuer's common stock is at or above \$4 per share for a period of 30 calendar days, and an additional one-half of such shares will be earned when the average closing price of Issuer's common stock is at or above \$6 per share for a period of 30 calendar days. Any shares earned will then vest on the 18-month anniversary of the date such shares were earned, subject to Reporting Person's continued service to Issuer as of each such date.

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