

Rocket Fuel Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
Gardner John E.

(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)  
06/09/2014

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/09/2014                           |  | A                              |   | 3,179<br>(1)<br>\$ 0  | 5,051  | 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) | 8. Date | 9. Date | 10. Title | 11. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 23.59   | 06/09/2014                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | (2) 06/09/2024   | Common Stock  |         |         |           | 6,000                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gardner John E.<br>1900 SEAPORT BLVD<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Scully by power of attorney  
 06/11/2014  
 \*\*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 of stock is represented by a Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU"). One-hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the RSU vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, and (ii) the day prior to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders immediately following the Annual Meeting at which the RSU was granted, in each case provided that the reporting person has remained in continuous service as a Board member through the applicable date.
- (2) One-hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the option vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, and (ii) the day prior to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders immediately following the Annual Meeting at which the option was granted, provided that the reporting person has remained in continuous service as a Board member through the applicable date.

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