

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 \*  
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)  
05/27/2014

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 05/27/2014                           |                                                    | S                              | 43,500 D                                                          | \$ 24.85 (1) 2,244,015                                                                        | I                                                        | See Footnote (2)                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/28/2014                           |                                                    | S                              | 54,580 D                                                          | \$ 24.66 (3) 2,189,435                                                                        | I                                                        | See Footnote (2)                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/29/2014                           |                                                    | S                              | 46,221 D                                                          | \$ 25.06 (4) 2,143,214                                                                        | I                                                        | See Footnote (2)                  |

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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## 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  
Date: 05/29/2014

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.51 to \$24.95, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Rocket Fuel Inc., any security holder of Rocket Fuel Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1), (3) and (4) to this Form 4.
- (2) Shares held of record by Nokia Growth Partners II, L.P. ("Nokia"). N.G. Partners II, LLC is the General Partner of Nokia. John Gardner and Paul Asel, the Managing Members of N.G. Partners II, LLC, may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the shares held of record by Nokia.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.85, inclusive.

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- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.85 to \$25.25, inclusive.

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