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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * USELTON STUART L | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|--|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 34216 (Street) | | (Middle) | CATO CORP [CATO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2012 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP-Treasury, Tax and Credit | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-De | erivative Securities Acc | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | nAcquired (A) or | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | Disposed of (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |

| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Owned | (D) or Indirect (I) | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| | | | Code ' | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 07/16/2012 | | M | | 20 | A | \$ 0 | 21,904 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 07/16/2012 | | G V | V | 20 | D | \$0 | 21,884 | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|--|--------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | Code V | 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

USELTON STUART L P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

SVP-Treasury, Tax and Credit

Signatures

/s/ Stuart 07/16/2012 Uselton

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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