#### MALONE JOHN C Form 4

January 11, 2012

### FORM 4

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

Check this box if no longer

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Ascent Capital Group, Inc.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MALONE JOHN C

(First) (Middle)

ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP. INC., 5251 DTC PARKWAY, **SUITE 1000** 

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

[ASCMA]

12/23/2011

(Month/Day/Year)

**GREENWOOD** VILLAGE, CO 80111 **OMB APPROVAL** 

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number iom f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	Underlying Secur	
	Security				(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.45	12/23/2011		A	4,997	<u>(1)</u>	12/23/2016	Series A Common Stock	4,997

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MALONE JOHN C ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X	X				

## **Signatures**

/s/ William E. Niles, attorney-in-fact

01/11/2012

\*\*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) Such options shall vest in eight equal quarterly installments, with the first such installment vesting effective February 13, 2012.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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