

Reed James D
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Reed James D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD
 (Street)

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2019

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)
 President and CEO

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 | 02/26/2019 | | A | (A) or (D) A | 60,347 (1) \$ 0 149,550 (2) | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy common stock) | \$ 17.75 | 02/26/2019 | | A | | 48,174 | | (3) | 02/26/2029 | Common Stock | 48,174 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Reed James D 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Zachary B. King, attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 02/28/2019

**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) Represents an award of restricted stock to the reporting person under the USA Truck, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended. Of the reported restricted stock, (i) 38,375 shares are subject to time-based vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and (ii) 21,972 shares are subject to performance-based vesting at the conclusion of a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2021. Vesting of the restricted shares is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture and termination provisions.
 - (2) This amount includes shares purchased by the reporting person from the USA Truck, Inc., Employee Stock Purchase Plan that have not been previously reported.
 - (3) Represents stock option award under the USA Truck, Inc., Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, that will vest in four annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture, and termination provisions.

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