DOTSON GEORGE S

Form 4

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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 * **DOTSON GEORGE S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

Stock

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE

12/03/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

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

below)

Issuer

HOUSTON, TX 77084

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

2,802

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Month/Day/Year)

Common 12/03/2009 A

36,418 A <u>(1)</u>

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. Tit	le of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Deriv	ative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Da	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Secur	rity	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)		Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	erivative		Securities		(Instr. 5)	Bene
		Derivative				Securities Acquired		(Instr. 3 and 4)			Own	
		Security									Follo	
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						Disposed						Trans
						of (D)						(Instr
						(Instr. 3,						
						4, and 5)						
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					Code v	(A) (D)						
							Exercisable	Date		Or Number		
										Number		
										of		
										Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOTSON GEORGE S X 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084

Signatures

George S 12/04/2009 Dotson

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

These shares of common stock were granted as Restricted Stock Awards under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive (1) Plan. One hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock awards vest thirteen months after the date of award unless an election is made to defer vesting to a later date under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Nonemployee Directors? Elective Deferred Compensation Plan.

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