

Rocket Fuel Inc.  
Form SC TO-C  
July 18, 2017

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

**SCHEDULE TO**  
**(Rule 14d-100)**  
**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**ROCKET FUEL INC.**  
**(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))**

**SIZMEK INC.**  
**FUEL ACQUISITION CO.**  
**(Name of Filing Persons (Offerors))**

**VECTOR CAPITAL IV, L.P.**  
**(Name of Filing Persons (Others))**

**COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE**  
**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**773111109**  
**(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)**

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**Transaction Valuation**

Not applicable\*

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Not applicable\*

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- Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
- Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a planned tender offer by Sizmek Inc. ( Parent ) and Fuel Acquisition Co. ( Merger Sub ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent, for all of the outstanding common stock of Rocket Fuel Inc. (the Company ), to be commenced pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 17, 2017, by and among Parent, Purchaser and the Company.

The exhibits are neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities. The tender offer for the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock described in this filing has not commenced. At the time the offer is commenced, Parent and Merger Sub will file a tender offer statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), and the Company will file a solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9, with respect to the offer. The tender offer statement (including an offer to purchase, a related letter of transmittal and other offer documents) and the solicitation/recommendation statement will contain important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. Those materials will be made available to the Company's stockholders at no expense to them. In addition, all of those materials (and all other offer documents filed with the SEC) will be available at no charge on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of Parent dated July 18, 2017
99.2	Blog Post by Parent
99.3	Presentation Slides for All-Hands Meeting dated July 18, 2017
99.4	Frequently Asked Questions dated July 18, 2017
99.5	Talking Points for Conversations with Clients dated July 18, 2017
99.6	Email to Employees of Parent
99.7	Email to Customers and Partners of Parent
99.8	Post All-Hands Meeting Email to Employees of Parent