#### PETELLE JAMES F

Form 4

January 30, 2013

#### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETELLE JAMES F			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	INSTEEL 3. Date of Ea		STRIES INC [IIIN]	(Che	ck all applica	able)
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	(Street)		4. If Amend	ment, Dat	e Original	6. Individual or J	oint/Group I	Filing(Check
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MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030						Form filed by Person	More than One	e Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	- Non-Do	erivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Benefi	cially Owned
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(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/29/2013		M	1,578	A	\$ 7.55	8,045	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2013		S	1,444	D	\$ 13.83	6,601	D	
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)							17,245	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	Second (A Di (D) (In	curities equired ) or sposed of	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	/ (А	) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.55	01/29/2013		M		1,578	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	1,578
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.23						<u>(1)</u>	08/21/2022	Common Stock	8,242
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.06						<u>(1)</u>	02/21/2022	Common Stock	6,188
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72						<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2021	Common Stock	5,670
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43						<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	4,693
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16						<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	6,180
	\$ 9.39						<u>(1)</u>	02/09/2020		5,952

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Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)				Common Stock	
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.6	<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019	Common Stock	4,393
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.15	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock	5,278
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.69	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2018	Common Stock	2,926
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.11	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2017	Common Stock	2,639
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.27	<u>(1)</u>	08/13/2017	Common Stock	2,178

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PETELLE JAMES F 1373 BOGGS DRIVE MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030			Vice President				

## **Signatures**

James F. Petelle	01/30/2013
**Signature of	Date

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- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options vest 1/3 annually beginning one year from grant date

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