JONES PAUL W Form 4 April 27, 2012

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* JONES PAUL W

(Middle) (Last) (First)

A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE

(Street)

Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

04/26/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

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| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-I                            | Derivative | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |             |  |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|---|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | (A         |   | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                      |   |   | Code V                                  | Amount     | or<br>(D)                                 | Price       | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/26/2012                              |   | M                                       | 61,650     | A   | \$<br>21.34 | 217,594  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/26/2012                              |   | S                                       | 343        | D   | \$<br>47.51 | 217,251  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/26/2012                              |   | S                                       | 300        | D   | \$<br>47.53 | 216,951  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/26/2012                              |   | S                                       | 600        | D   | \$<br>47.54 | 216,351  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/26/2012                              |   | S                                       | 3,100      | D   | \$<br>47.55 | 213,251  | D  |   |

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| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 |    | S | 1,100 | D | \$<br>47.56 | 212,151 | D |
|-----------------|------------|----|---|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 2,300 | D | \$<br>47.57 | 209,851 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2. | S | 2,500 | D | \$<br>47.58 | 207,351 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 2,167 | D | \$<br>47.59 | 205,184 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 2,300 | D | \$ 47.6     | 202,884 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2. | S | 8,005 | D | \$<br>47.61 | 194,879 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 3,450 | D | \$<br>47.62 | 191,429 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 3,550 | D | \$<br>47.63 | 187,879 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,599 | D | \$<br>47.64 | 186,280 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,300 | D | \$<br>47.65 | 184,980 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,836 | D | \$<br>47.66 | 183,144 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,800 | D | \$<br>47.67 | 181,344 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 2,600 | D | \$<br>47.68 | 178,744 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,880 | D | \$<br>47.69 | 176,864 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 47.7     | 175,464 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 1,380 | D | \$<br>47.71 | 174,084 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 900   | D | \$<br>47.72 | 173,184 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 |    | S | 400   | D | \$<br>47.73 | 172,784 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | 2  | S | 3,800 | D | \$<br>47.74 | 168,984 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 |    | S | 2,900 | D | \$<br>47.75 | 166,084 | D |
|                 | 04/26/2012 |    | S | 500   | D |             | 165,584 | D |

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| Common<br>Stock |            |   |     |   | \$<br>47.76 |         |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | S | 540 | D | \$<br>47.77 | 165,044 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | S | 784 | D | \$<br>47.78 | 164,260 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | S | 300 | D | \$<br>47.79 | 163,960 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 04/26/2012 | S | 300 | D | \$ 47.8     | 163,660 | D |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | ransactionDerivative Code Securities |               | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)                                  | (D)           | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$ 21.34  | 04/26/2012                              |   | M                                      |                                      | 61,650<br>(1) | 11/05/2009   | 11/05/2018         | Common<br>Stock   | 61,650                              |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |          |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |  |  |  |  |
| JONES PAUL W                   |               |           |          |       |  |  |  |  |
| A. O. SMITH CORPORATION        | X             |           | Chairman |       |  |  |  |  |
| 11270 WEST PARK PLACE          | Λ             |           | and CEO  |       |  |  |  |  |
| MILWAUKEE, WI 53224            |               |           |          |       |  |  |  |  |

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Date

# **Signatures**

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul W. Jones 04/27/2012

\*\*Signature of 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).
- (1) The employee stock options were granted on 11/05/2008 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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