

GATES WILLIAM H III  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      |  |
| Â CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC                  |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | AUTONATION INC /FL [AN]                          |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                             |
| 2365 CARILLON POINT                       |         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                       |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      | ___ Director                                     | ___ 10% Owner  |
| KIRKLAND,Â WAÂ 98033                      |         |          |                                      | ___ Officer                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      | (give title below)                               | (specify below)  |
|   |         |          |                                      | (1)  | ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person   |
|   |         |          |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 9,382,138   | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  |  | Title   |  |  |   |

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|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Date        | Expiration | Amount or | or Indirect |
| Exercisable | Date       | Number of | (I)         |
|             |            | Shares    | (Instr. 5)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC<br>2365 CARILLON POINT<br>KIRKLAND, WA 98033 | ^             | ^         | ^       | (1)   |
| GATES WILLIAM H III<br>ONE MICROSOFT WAY<br>REDMOND, WA 98052       | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |

## Signatures

Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By: /s/ Michael Larson, Business Manager 11/21/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

William H Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson\*, Attorney-in-Fact 11/21/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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### Remarks:

(1) The reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a Section 13(d) group that beneficially owns the reporting person's securities.

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