

Ackerman Patricia K
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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 *
 Ackerman Patricia K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH
 CORPORATION, 11270 WEST
 PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2019

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2018 | | G | 56 | D \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,540 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2019 | | A | 1,820 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 48.72 | 3,360 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2019 | | F | 952 | D \$ 48.72 | 2,408 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Common Stock | \$ 48.72 | 02/08/2019 | | M | 1,820 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 1,820 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 49.42 | 02/11/2019 | | A | 935 | (3) (2) | Common Stock | 935 |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 49.42 | 02/11/2019 | | A | 4,265 | (5) 02/11/2029 | Common Stock | 4,265 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ackerman Patricia K A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 | | | SVP, Investor Relations & Treas | |

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Patricia K. Ackerman
02/12/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Gift

(2) 1,820 Restricted Stock Units were granted on 02/08/2016 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. 1,820 Restricted Stock Units vested on 02/08/2019. As a result of vesting, the Company is obligated to

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delivered 1,820 shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.

- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on 02/11/2019 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/11/2022.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units that Ms. Ackerman has deferred receive a quarterly dividend pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The total amount of dividends received was 240 Restricted Stock Units.
- (5) The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2019 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/11/2020.

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