

Gates Kevin J.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Gates Kevin J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/01/2011

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 08/01/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 45 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0 248                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 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)**

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|

|                             |          |            |  | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.11 | 08/01/2011 |  | A    |   | 221 |     | 08/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/01/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock | 221                        |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| Gates Kevin J.<br>3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72956 |               |           | Controller |       |

**Signatures**

/s/ Kevin J. Gates, by Clifton R. Beckham, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 08/03/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**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 grant of Restricted Stock will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning August 1, 2012 and continuing through and including August 1, 2014.
- (2) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2012 and continuing through and including August 1, 2014. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2015 and continuing through and including August 1, 2017.

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