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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**Ball F Michael**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O STEC, INC., 3001 DAIMLER STREET**  
  
 (Street)  
**SANTA ANA, CA 92705-5812**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEC, INC. [STEC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2012**

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.02 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/18/2012	A	15,000					<u>(1)</u>	05/18/2022	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ball F Michael C/O STEC, INC. 3001 DAIMLER STREET SANTA ANA, CA 92705-5812	X			

## Signatures

/s/ F. Michael Ball /rms under power of attorney 05/22/2012

\_\_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).

These stock options are issued as annual compensation to non-employee directors of STEC and vest during continuation of Board service

(1) in 4 equal annual installments following the date of award, or if earlier, upon change in control of STEC. The date of award and vesting start date is May 18, 2012 the date immediately following STEC's Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

(2) The exercise price per share is 100% of the fair market value of STEC's common stock on the date of grant.

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