BECKHAM CLIFTON R

Form 4

January 30, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BECKHAM CLIFTON R**

> (First) (Middle)

USA TRUCK INC, 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

A

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

01/28/2009(1)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Code (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

 $0^{(1)}$

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities

Price

(1)

(A)

or

(D)

A

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

D

60,381 (1)

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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(D) or

Form: Direct

Indirect (I)

below)

response... 0.5

10% Owner

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Other (specify

1

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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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy) Common Stock	<u>(2)</u>	01/28/2009(2)		A	0 (2)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	\$ 0 (2)	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Relationships						
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
X		President and CEO				
		Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer			

Signatures

Clifton R.

Beckham

**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).
- On January 28, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved the USA Truck, Inc. Executive Team Incentive Plan ("Plan") which granted the Reporting Person the right to acquire Restricted Stock of the Company. The initial award granted under this Plan will be determined based upon the market price of the Company's Common Stock on a future date. An amendment to this Form 4 will be filed once the quantity of the award has been determined.
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Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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