

Nelson David W  
 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 \*  
 Nelson David W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION [NANX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/04/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP Sales & Marketing

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | V   | 2,000   | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                    |       |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code                                    | V  | (A)  | (D)  | Date Exercisable                    | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 6.13   |   |   |   |  | 04/09/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 04/09/2017   | Common<br>Stock                     | 35,000             |       |                                     |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 4.48   |   |   |   |  | 11/06/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | 11/06/2017   | Common<br>Stock                     | 15,000             |       |                                     |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 3.14   |   |   |   |  | 05/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | 05/12/2018   | Common<br>Stock                     | 20,000             |       |                                     |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 1.02   | 05/04/2009                              |   | A                                       | 30,000   | 05/04/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | 05/04/2019   | Common<br>Stock                     | 30,000             |       |                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Nelson David W<br>1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE<br>ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446 |               |           | VP Sales &<br>Marketing |       |

## Signatures

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA, for David W.  
Nelson

05/06/2009

\*\*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) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in five equal annual installments.

(2) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.

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