FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  RATCLIFFE CATHERINE F  (Last) (First) (Middle)  9645 SCRANTON ROAD  SUITE 205 |  |            |                |            |                  |  | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     NOVATEL WIRELESS INC [ NVTL ]      Index of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     09/07/2007 |       |             |                  |  |   |            |  |                       |   | c all appli<br>Directo<br>Officer<br>below) | cable) or (give title  | 10% Owner give title Other (spec below)  /P Business Affairs |   | vner<br>specify |
|---|--|------------|----------------|------------|------------------|--|---|-------|-------------|------------------|--|---|------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|---|-----------------|
| (Street) SAN DII (City)   |  | tate)      | 92121<br>(Zip) | <b>D</b>   | ,                | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Fi Line)  X Form filed by One R Form filed by More the Person |   |       |             |                  |  |   |            |  |                       |   | e Rep                                       | orting Perso   | n  |   |                 |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |            |                |            |                  |  |   |       |             |                  |  |   |            |  |                       |   |   |  |  |   |                 |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da   |  |            |                |            |                  | ar)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)   |       | ,           | Code (Inst       |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |            | l (A) or<br>. 3, 4 a                       | nd                    | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)        |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                 |
|   |  |            |                |            |                  |  | Code  | v     | Amount      |                  | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price   | Transa     |  | ction(s)<br>3 and 4)  |   |   | (111501.4)   |  |   |                 |
| Common Stock 09/07/2  |  |            |                |            |                  |  | 07  |       |             | M                |  | 7,000   | 7,000 A    |  | \$11                  | .04   | 12,503                                      |  |  | D   |                 |
| Common Stock 09/07/2  |  |            |                |            |                  | 2007   |   |       |             | S <sup>(1)</sup> |  | 7,000   | 7,000 D    |  | \$23                  | .33   | 5,503(2)                                    |  |  | D   |                 |
|   |  |            |                | ction of E |                  |  | 6. E  |       | rcisa       | onverti          | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |   |            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                       | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4) | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                        |   |                 |
|   |  |            |                |            | Code             | v  | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exe | te<br>ercisable  |  | xpiration<br>ate  | Title      | of   | Numbe<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |  |  |   |                 |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$11.04  | 09/07/2007 |                |            | M <sup>(1)</sup> |  |   | 7,000 | 07/         | //01/2005        | 0  | 3/07/2015   | Com<br>Sto |  | 7,000                 |   | \$0   | 71,090   | )  | D   |                 |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1.\ These\ options\ were\ exercised\ and\ the\ underlying\ shares\ were\ sold\ pursuant\ to\ a\ 10b5-1\ Sales\ Plan.$
- 2. Includes 1,427 shares acquired on August 15, 2007 under the issuers Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

By: Patrick T. Waters For: Catherine F. Ratcliffe

09/07/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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