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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RATCLIFFE CATHERINE F</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 9645 SCRANTON ROAD SUITE 205  (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NOVATEL WIRELESS INC [ NVTL ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP Business Affairs
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/13/2009	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/13/2009		M		6,944	A	\$0	20,847 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2009		F <sup>(2)</sup>		2,482	D	\$0	18,365	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	09/13/2009		M		6,944		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	6,944	\$0	25,918	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 1,848 shares acquired on May 15, 2009 under the issuers Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Automatic disposition of shares back to Issuer (and subsequent cancellation thereof) solely to satisfy immediate payroll tax withholding obligation triggered by the vesting of restricted stock. The Reporting Person received no proceeds from this transaction.
- Converts into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Restricted Stock Units vest over two years, 25% of which shall vest on the six month anniversary of the grant date, 25% of which shall vest on the first annual anniversary of the grant date and the balance shall vest on the second anniversary of the grant date.

By: Patrick T. Waters For: 09/15/2009  
Catherine F. Ratcliffe

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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