

# FORM 4

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## 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(f) of the Investment  
Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>NICHOLS ROY J</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>901 EXPLORER BLVD.</b> <small>(Street)</small>  <b>HUNTSVILLE, AL 35806</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>ADTRAN INC [ ADTN ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span> _____ Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>5/10/2012</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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			

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
<b>Dividend Equivalent Rights</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>5/10/2012</b>		<b>A</b>		<b>5.918</b>		<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>5.918</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>10.583</b>	<b>D</b>	

#### Explanation of Responses:

(1) The dividend equivalent rights accrue when and as dividends are paid on the Company's common stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of the Company's common stock.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>NICHOLS ROY J 901 EXPLORER BLVD. HUNTSVILLE, AL 35806</b>	<b>X</b>			

#### Signatures

**Gayle S. Ellis by Power of Attorney**

**5/14/2012**

\*\* 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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