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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

À Johnson Robert Joseph

(Last)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/23/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

C/O A123 SYSTEMS,

INC., Â 321 ARSENAL STREET

(Street)

A123 SYSTEMS, INC. [AONE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

VP and GM, Energy Sol'ns Group Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

WATERTOWN, MAÂ 02472

(City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

Form:

Ownership Direct (D)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect 5. Ownership Form of Derivative

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/22/2009(1)	01/25/2018	Common Stock	210,000	\$ 6.84	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/25/2010(1)	06/25/2019	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 9.71	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Johnson Robert Joseph C/O A123 SYSTEMS, INC. 321 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN Â MAÂ 02472	Â	Â	VP and GM, Energy Sol'ns Group	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Eric J. Pyenson,
attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 25% of the shares subject to the option vest on this date, and 6.25% of the shares subject to the option vest quarterly thereafter until the option is fully vested.

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