

Ascent Capital Group, Inc.
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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 *
FITZGERALD WILLIAM R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ascent Capital Group, Inc.
[ASCMA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP, INC., 5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000

(Street)

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

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

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Series A Common Stock	12/20/2013		A	6,356 <u>A</u> (1)	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u> 204,150	D	
Series A Common Stock	12/20/2013		F	2,669 <u>D</u> (2)	\$ 86.53 <u>(2)</u> 201,481	D	
Series A Common Stock					29,720	I	By William R. Fitzgerald

Series A Common Stock	23,210	I	Irrevocable 2012 Trust By grantor retained annuity trust <u>(3)</u>
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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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FITZGERALD WILLIAM R ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ William E. Niles,
attorney-in-fact
12/23/2013

**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) Such shares represent the payment of a portion of the Reporting Person's performance bonus award (the "Bonus Award") for calendar year 2013. The remaining portion was paid in cash.
- (2) The shares disposed of in this transaction were withheld by the Issuer in connection with the payment of withholding taxes on the Bonus Award. The price is based on the closing price on December 20, 2013, which is the date on which the Bonus Award was granted.
- (3) The Reporting Person has sole voting power over the grantor retained annuity trust (the "GRAT").

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