HOLTHOUSE PHILIP J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HOLTHOUSE PHILIP J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Ascent Capital Group, Inc. [ASCMA]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/23/2011

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP. INC., 5251 DTC PARKWAY,

SUITE 1000

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

VILLAGE, CO 80111

1.Title of

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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

Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.45	12/23/2011		A	6,662	<u>(1)</u>	12/23/2016	Series A Common Stock	6,662

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOLTHOUSE PHILIP J ASCENT CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X					

Signatures

/s/ William E. Niles, attorney-in-fact

12/28/2011

**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 options shall vest in eight equal quarterly installments, with the first such installment vesting effective February 13, 2012.

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