FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 *

BARTLETT STEVE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION, 245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10167
(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARES CAPITAL CORP [ARCC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

11/21/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

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

X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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			
Common Stock	11/21/2016		P (1)		200	A	$15.78	7000	D	

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	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The purchase reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 26, 2016.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARTLETT STEVE **C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION** **245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR** **NEW YORK, NY 10167**	X			

Signatures

/s/ Monica Shilling, by power of attorney	**11/22/2016**
** 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).

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