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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | | 2 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|---------------|-----------|---|---|------------------------------|--|--|
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | 3 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | | X Director Officer (gi | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| C/O ROCKE MCGOWEN | | | С., 3881 | | | | 11 | 1/14 | 1/2024 | | | | | | | |
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| LONG BEACH, CA 90808 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (C | ity) (Stat | e) (Zip |)) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Table I - No | on-D | erivat | ive Se | curities A | Acq | uired, Dis | posed | of, or I | Beneficially Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | Date | Execution Date, if any | | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | Disposed of (D) | | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | , , |
| Common Stock | | | 11/14/2 | 024 | | | S | | 578,215 | D | \$17.7262 | <u>(1)</u> | | 2,351,135 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock 11/14/2024 | | | 024 | | | s | | 1,421,785 | D | \$17.7262 | (1) | 5,781,250 | | | See footnote (3) | |
| Common Stock | | | 11/15/2 | 024 | | | S | | 973,192 | D | \$18.2143 | <u>(4)</u> | | 1,377,943 | | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock 11/15/2024 | | | 024 | | | S | | 2,393,001 | D | \$18.2143 | (4) | 3,388,249 | | | See footnote (3) | |
| | Tab | le II - Der | ivative Secu | ıritie | s Bene | eficial | ly Owne | d (<i>e</i> . | <i>g</i> ., puts, (| calls, v | varrant | s, options, conve | tible secu | ırities) | | |
| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | | | | 4. Tran (Instr.) | rans. Code tr. 8) 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | and Expiration Date Securities Unerivative (Instr. 3 and | | | e and Amount of ties Underlying tive Security 3 and 4) | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A | .) (D | | Exercisable | | | Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price of the aggregate number of shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions with 1,782,427 shares sold at prices ranging from \$17.2800 to \$18.2700, 197,712 shares sold at prices ranging from \$18.2800 to \$19.2500 and 19,861 shares sold at prices ranging from \$19.3000 to \$19.6600, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (the "Issuer"), any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (2) Represents securities held of record by Data Collective IV, L.P. ("DCVC IV"). Data Collective IV GP, LLC ("DCVC IV GP") is the general partner of DCVC IV and has sole voting and dispositive power with regard to the securities held by DCVC IV. The Reporting Person is a managing member of DCVC IV GP and shares voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by DCVC IV. The Reporting Person disclaims the existence of a "group" and disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities, except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- (3) Represents securities held of record by DCVC Opportunity Fund II, L.P. ("DCVC Opportunity Fund II"). DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP, LLC ("DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP") is the general partner of DCVC Opportunity Fund II and has sole voting and dispositive power with regard to the securities held by

DCVC Opportunity Fund II. The Reporting Person is a managing member of DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP and shares voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by DCVC Opportunity Fund II. The Reporting Person disclaims the existence of a "group" and disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities, except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any.

(4) The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price of the aggregate number of shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions with 1,067,717 shares sold at prices ranging from \$16.8800 to \$17.8750, 1,893,911 shares sold at prices ranging from \$17.8800 to \$18.8750 and 404,565 shares sold at prices ranging from \$19.0000 to \$19.4750, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Ocko Matthew | | | | | | | |
| C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. | X | | | | | | |
| 3881 MCGOWEN STREET | Λ | | | | | | |
| LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Adam Spice, as Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew Ocko

**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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