FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Pecora Andrew L				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NeoStem, Inc. [ NBS ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
Pecora	Andrew .	<u>L</u>				,						2	Director			10% Ow	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3.	Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)							Officer (below)	(give title		Other (spelow)	pecify	
C/O NEOSTEM, INC.					04/26/2012							Chief Medical Officer					
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 450																	
(Street)				—   4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. In	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable _ine)					
NEW YO	ORK N	Y	10170									2		•		ting Person	
(O:+ )		4-4-7	(7:-)									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														
		Ta	ıble I - Non-D	Derivativ	ve Se	curities	s Acc	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or Be	neficially	Owned				
Date			. Transactio ate Month/Day/	Execution Date,		Code (Instr.			Beneficial Owned Fo	s Forn ally (D) o ollowing (I) (Ir		Direct I Indirect E tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and				(Instr. 4)	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(1)</sup> 04/2			04/26/20	5/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		7,536	7,536 A S		2,021	2,021,518		D			
			Table II - De				•	•	•		or Bene	-	Owned				
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)	Code (I	Transaction Code (Instr.		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 Amour 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		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		expiration Pate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)(2)(3)	\$0.36	04/26/2012		A <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		140,000		(2)(3)	O	4/25/2022	Common Stock	140,000	(2)(3)	140,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Effective April 11, 2012, the Issuer and the Reporting Person entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Reporting Person's employment agreement dated September 23, 2010, as amended. Pursuant to the terms of the Amendment, the Reporting Person agreed to receive the amount of his net salary commencing with the pay period ending April 7, 2012, through the issuance to him by the Issuer of shares of the Issuer's common stock at the then-market price at the time of issuance for the applicable payroll date, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Issuer's 2009 Equity Compensation Plan. The Reporting Person's participation in the 2012 Option Program has superseded this election.

2. On April 26, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors adopted a program (the "2012 Option Program") whereby each participating officer was issued on April 26, 2012 an option (the "Option") to purchase that number of shares of Common Stock equal to that portion of each Participating Officer's gross salary (the "Participating Salary") for the period May 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012 (the "Election Period") elected by the Participating Officer divided by \$.25, the Black-Scholes value of an Option issued under the 2012 Option Program. The Option, the issuance of which is in lieu of payment of the Participating Salary vests at the end of the month in which the Participating Salary to which it relates would have been paid and has a term of ten years despite any termination of employment of the Participating Officer.

3. The per share exercise price is \$.36, the closing price of the Common Stock on the date of the issuance of the Option. The Gross Participating Salary for all Participating Officers is \$181,309 and the total number of Options granted under the 2012 Option Program was 725,235. Dr. Pecora's Participating Salary for the Election Period is his full salary. The Options were issued under the Company's 2009 Plan.

Andrew L. Pecora By: /s/

04/30/2012

Catherine M. Vaczy, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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