## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 ${ }^{*}$ Bremer Bradley | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <br> APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA INC /MN [arci] |  |  |
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| 7400 (Last) $\quad$ (First) |  |  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 02/29/2012 |
| (Street) <br> MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 |  |  |  | ```6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person``` |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) |  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |  | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |  | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
| Stock Option Grant | (1) | 05/05/2012 | Common <br> Stock | 5,000 | \$ 2.8 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | (2) | 01/25/2014 | Common <br> Stock | 25,000 | \$ 2.42 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | (3) | 01/18/2015 | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$ 5.27 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | (4) | 03/10/2015 | Common <br> Stock | 2,500 | \$ 5.05 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | 11/11/2010 | 11/11/2016 | Common Stock | 4,800 | \$ 2.22 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | 05/13/2011 | 05/13/2017 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 3.55 | D |  |
| Stock Option Grant | 02/24/2012 | 02/24/2018 | Common <br> Stock | 5,000 | \$ 4.25 | D |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / <br> Address |  | Relationships |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Director | $10 \%$ <br> Owner | Officer | Other |  |
| Bremer Bradley <br> 7400 EXCELSIOR BLVD <br> MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 |  |  | President of ApplianceSmart |  |  |

## Signatures

## Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. $78 \mathrm{ff}(\mathrm{a})$.
(1) Options become exercisable at a rate of one-half of the total options ( 2,500 options) on each annual anniversity thereafter.
(2) Options become exercisable at a rate of one-half of the total options ( 12,500 options) on each annual anniversity thereafter.
(3) Options become exercisable at a rate of one-half of the total options ( 3,750 options) on each annual anniversity thereafter.
(4) Options become exercisable at a rate of one-half of the total options ( 1,250 options) on each annual anniversity thereafter.

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