

Quast Kevin  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Quast Kevin                             |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC [KNX]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 02/08/2011                           |  |  |
| 5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD                    |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   |  |
|   |         |                                      | Exec VP and COO  |  |
| PHOENIX,Â AZÂ 85043                       |         |                                      |  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 18,535  | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

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|                                      |                            |                   |              | Shares                 |                           | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/18/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 09/17/2011        | Common Stock | 13,500 <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 4.8889 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 06/05/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>  | 06/04/2012        | Common Stock | 5,625 <sup>(2)</sup>   | \$ 8.4445 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/07/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 08/06/2013        | Common Stock | 6,750 <sup>(3)</sup>   | \$ 11.4356 <sup>(3)</sup> | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/19/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 03/18/2014        | Common Stock | 7,875 <sup>(4)</sup>   | \$ 10.5378 <sup>(4)</sup> | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/26/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>  | 04/25/2015        | Common Stock | 6,750 <sup>(5)</sup>   | \$ 14.48 <sup>(5)</sup>   | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/18/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>  | 05/17/2016        | Common Stock | 5,000 <sup>(6)</sup>   | \$ 18.75 <sup>(6)</sup>   | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/19/2010 <sup>(7)</sup>  | 05/18/2016        | Common Stock | 1,000 <sup>(7)</sup>   | \$ 18.77 <sup>(7)</sup>   | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/25/2010 <sup>(8)</sup>  | 05/24/2017        | Common Stock | 6,000 <sup>(8)</sup>   | \$ 18.2 <sup>(8)</sup>    | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/28/2011 <sup>(9)</sup>  | 02/27/2018        | Common Stock | 10,000 <sup>(9)</sup>  | \$ 14.79 <sup>(9)</sup>   | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/22/2011 <sup>(10)</sup> | 05/21/2018        | Common Stock | 7,500 <sup>(10)</sup>  | \$ 17.29 <sup>(10)</sup>  | D                 | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit                | Â <sup>(11)</sup>          | Â <sup>(11)</sup> | Common Stock | 40,000 <sup>(11)</sup> | \$ <sup>(11)</sup>        | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Quast Kevin<br>5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85043 | Â             | Â         | Â Exec VP and COO | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin Quast                      02/18/2011

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 13,500 shares of stock at the grant price of \$4.8889 per share on September 18, 2001 of which zero shares have been exercised and 13,500 shares are vested and exercisable.

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- (2) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 5,625 shares of stock at the grant price of \$8.4445 per share on June 5, 2002 of which zero shares have been exercised and 5,625 shares are vested and exercisable.
- (3) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 6,750 shares of stock at the grant price of \$11.4356 per share on August 7, 2003 of which zero shares have been exercised and 6,750 are vested and exercisable.
- (4) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 7,875 shares of stock at the grant price of \$10.5378 per share on March 19, 2004 of which 6,300 shares are currently vested and exercisable with the remaining shares vesting as follows: 1,575 shares on March 19, 2011.
- (5) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 6,750 shares of stock at the grant price of \$14.48 per share on April 26, 2005 of which 4,050 shares are currently vested and exercisable with the remaining shares vesting as follows: 1,350 shares annually, with the next scheduled vesting on April 26, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (6) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares of stock at the grant price of \$18.75 per share on May 18, 2006 of which 2,000 shares are currently vested and exercisable with the remaining shares vesting as follows: 1,000 shares annually, with the next scheduled vesting on May 18, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (7) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 1,000 shares of stock at the grant price of \$18.77 per share on May 19, 2006 of which 400 shares are currently vested and exercisable with the remaining shares vesting as follows: 200 shares annually, with the next scheduled vesting on May 19, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (8) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 6,000 shares of stock at the grant price of \$18.20 per share on May 25, 2007 of which 1,200 shares are currently vested and exercisable with the remaining shares vesting as follows: 1,200 shares annually, with the next scheduled vesting on May 25, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (9) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares of stock at the grant price of \$14.79 per share on February 29, 2008, to vest as follows: 2,000 shares annually, with the next scheduled vesting on February 28, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (10) Mr. Quast was granted an option to purchase 7,500 shares at the grant price of \$17.29 per share on May 22, 2008, to vest as follows: 20% each year beginning on May 22, 2011, and each anniversary thereafter, until fully vested.
- (11) On October 30, 2009, Mr. Quast was granted 40,000 Restricted Stock Units, with a vesting schedule as follows: six percent (6%) on January 31, 2011; five percent (5%) respectively on January 31, 2012, January 31, 2013, January 31, 2014 and January 31, 2015; six (6%) percent on January 31, 2016; seven (7%) percent on January 31, 2017; eight (8%) on January 31, 2018; nine (9%) percent on January 31, 2019; ten percent (10%) on January 31, 2020; eleven (11%) percent on January 31, 2021; twelve percent (12%) on January 31, 2022; and eleven percent (11%) on January 31, 2023. Stock is issued when and as vested. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of KNX common stock.

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