FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last) A. O. SMITH CO 44 VANTAGE WA		(Middle)					onship of Reporting Person(s) to Is Il applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)		If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(Street) NASHVILLE (City)	TN (State)	37228 (Zip)					SVP - CIO				-	fore than One Reporting Person	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned													
				2. Amount Owned (Ins	of Securities Beneficially str. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)													
Exp			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Conver or Exer	cise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount of Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		(Instr. 5)			
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) (1) 07/			07/13/2030		Common Stock	13,210	48.	.68	D				
Restricted Stock Units				(2)	07/13/2023		Common Stock	2,570	48.	.68	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 07/13/2020 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 07/13/2021.
- 2. The restricted stock units were granted on 07/13/2020 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable date of 07/13/2023.

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for 08/26/2020 Stephanie Melissa Scheppele ** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

/s/S. Melissa Scheppele

Know all by these presents, that, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned (in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Do (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of being the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Documents with respect to the

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 11th day of August, 2020.