FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Sapan Joshua W</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMC Networks Inc. [ AMCX ]									heck all	applicable) Pirector		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 11 PENN PLAZA						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2011										Officer (give title elow) Presiden		Other (specify below)  nd CEO	
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10001  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2011									ne) X F F				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
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AMC Networks Inc. Class A Common Stock 12/15/2						2011		A		133,165(1)		A	\$	0	208,679(2)				
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Grant of restricted shares of AMC Networks Inc. Class A Common Stock pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3. All the restricted shares will become fully vested and unrestricted on December 15, 2014.
- 2. Includes restricted shares.

Anne G. Kelly, Attorney-infact for Joshua W. Sapan

12/19/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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