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obligations may continue. See Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Instruction 1(b). Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [] Form 3 Holdings Reported [] Form 4 Transactions Reported ______ 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rachor, Jeffrey ______ (Last) (First) (Middle) c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc. 5401 E. Independence Blvd. (Street) Charlotte, NC 28212 (City) (State) (Zip) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH) 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year 12/01 _____ 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [x] Director [x] Officer [] 10% Owner [] Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive VP of Retail Operations 7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) x Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned <TABLE> <CAPTION> 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. Owner-1. Title of Security 2. Trans- 3. Trans-7. Nature action or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3) action Securities ship of In-Date Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: direct (Month/ (Instr. 8) Owned at the Direct Bene-Day/ end of (D) or ficial Issuer's Year) Indirect Owner-(A) or Fiscal Year (I) ship (D) Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (Instr.

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