

MCDONALD EUGENE J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCDONALD EUGENE J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RED HAT, INC, 1801
 VARSITY DRIVE

(Street)

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RED HAT INC [RHAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	08/14/2006		A		3,500		08/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾	08/14/2011 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	3,500
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	08/15/2006		A		488		08/15/2006 ⁽³⁾	08/15/2011 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	488

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDONALD EUGENE J C/O RED HAT, INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606	X			

Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact
UPOA
Date: 08/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) This DSU was granted pursuant to Red Hat's 2004 Independent Director Plan, in lieu of a stock option grant, and is fully vested as of the date of grant. The DSU will be paid out in cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc. on the earlier of September 1, 2008 (the deferral date designated by the Reporting Person) or upon termination of the Reporting Person's Board of Director service.
- (2) This DSU is payable in either cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc.
- (3) This DSU was granted pursuant to Red Hat's 2004 Independent Director Plan, in lieu of cash compensation, and is fully vested as of the date of grant. The DSU will be paid out in cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc. on the earlier of September 1, 2008 (the deferral date designated by the Reporting Person) or upon termination of the Reporting Person's Board of Director service.

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