

SZULIK MATTHEW
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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 *
SZULIK MATTHEW

(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 [RHT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2006

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)
Chariman/CEO/President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/18/2006		M	V	250,000	A	\$ 0.5 741,849 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ D
Common Stock	12/18/2006		M	V	333,333	A	\$ 6.7 1,075,182 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ D

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.5	12/18/2006		M	250,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	250,000
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.7	12/18/2006		M	333,333	<u>(1)</u>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	333,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SZULIK MATTHEW C/O RED HAT, INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606	X		Chariman/CEO/President	

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in fact
UPOA
12/18/2006

__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 option vested quarterly at a rate of 8.33% over a three year period following date of grant.
- (2) Includes 16,273 shares held of record by the Matthew J. Szulik GRAT dated 5/26/99 for which the Reporting Person is the Trustee.
- (3) Also includes 72,000 shares held of record by trusts for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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