

PETERS CHARLES E JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PETERS CHARLES E JR

(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)  
01/09/2006

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)

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M	60,000 A \$ 12.26	96,750 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	5,000 D \$ 29.94	91,750 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	10,000 D \$ 29.86	81,750 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	10,000 D \$ 29.81	71,750 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	5,000 D \$ 29.73	66,750 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	



## 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 is exercisable 25% on August 31, 2005 and 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three-month period following August 31, 2005.
- (2) Includes 36,750 shares of restricted stock subject to repurchase by Red Hat, Inc. lapsing over four years (25% on the first anniversary date and 6.25% on the last day of each subsequent three-month period following the anniversary date).

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