RED HAT INC Form 4 May 18, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHELTON GENERAL HENRY HUGH

> (First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801 VARSITY DRIVE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RED HAT INC [RHAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title

Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

RALEIGH, NC 27606

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivativ Security or Exercise any Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Moi	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr. 5)
				Code \	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	05/15/2006		A	385		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock (2)	385	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHELTON GENERAL HENRY HUGH C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

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Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA

05/18/2006

**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).
- 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 January 2, 2007 (the deferral date designated by the Reporting Person) or termination of the Reporting Person's Board of Director service.
- (2) The DSU is payable in either cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc.

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