RED HAT INC Form 4 January 05, 2010

FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pinchev Alex

> (First) (Middle)

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

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RED HAT INC [RHT]

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

01/04/2010

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) EVP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	01/04/2010		M	56,250	A	\$ 19.84	120,744	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2010		S	56,250	D	\$ 31.18 (1)	64,494	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2010		S	6,055	D	\$ 31.39 (2)	58,439	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy	\$ 19.84	01/04/2010		M	56,250	(3)	10/16/2011	Common Stock	56,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pinchev Alex

C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH. NC 27606

EVP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly Yule, Atty in fact UPOA

01/05/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- Represents the weighted average sale price per share. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$31.03-\$31.48 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.
- Represents the weighted average sale price per share. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$31.38-\$31.41 per share. Full (2) information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

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This option is exercisable 25% on the first anniversary date of the date of grant and 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three month period following one year from the date of grant.

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