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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZULIK MATTHEW	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	RED HAT INC [rhat] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O RED HAT, INC, 1801 VARSITY DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 07/13/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specif below) Chairman/CEO/President		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
RALEIGH, NC 27606		Form filed by More than One Reporti Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securiti 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, \$.0001 Par Value Per Share	07/13/2005				` '		1,904,349 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	erivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) equired (A) Disposed of) sstr. 3, 4,		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 ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.36	07/13/2005		M	80,265	<u>(1)</u>	06/27/2011	Common Stock	80,265

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in Fact UPOA 07/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date
Description

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) Vested over three years, fully exercisable as of 6/27/2004
 - Includes 16,473 shares held of record by the Matthew J. Szulik GRAT dated 5/26/99 for which the Reporting Person is the trustee and
- (2) includes 1,500,000 shares of restricted stock upon exercise of outstanding restricted stock awards subject to a right of repurchase by Red Hat, Inc. such right lapsing over three years from the date of grant.
- (3) Also includes 72,000 shares held of record by trusts for the benefit of Mr. Szulik's children. Mr. Szulik disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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