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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cunningham Michael

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

1801 VARSITY DRIVE

RED HAT INC [rhat]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

07/25/2005

General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

below)

RALEIGH, NC 27606

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Amount

(A)

(D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Common Stock.

Share

\$.0001 Par 07/25/2005 Value Per

19,688 (1)

41,034 (2)

Price

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)	iorDerivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.34	07/25/2005		A	56,200		(3)	07/25/2010	Common Stock	56,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cunningham Michael 1801 VARSITY DRIVE

01 VARSITY DRIVE General Counsel

RALEIGH, NC 27606

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in Fact UPOA 07/27/2005

**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) Restricted stock grant vesting over four years and subject to a right of repurchase by Red Hat, Inc.
- (2) Includes 1,346 shares acquired on 3/31/2005 through the company's 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended.
- (3) 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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