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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCDONALD EUGENE J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

RED HAT INC [RHAT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

RED HAT, INC., 1801 VARSITY

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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08/15/2005

below)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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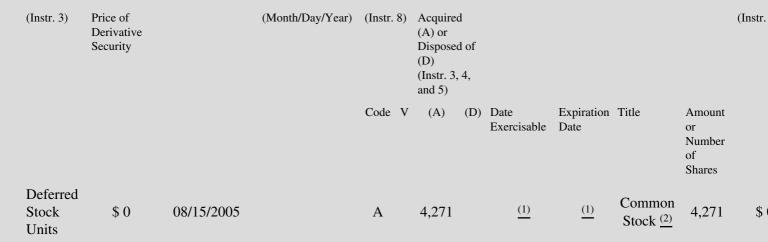
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDONALD EUGENE J RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606	X			

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in Fact UPOA

08/17/2005

**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).
- 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 September 1, 2008 (the deterral designated by the DSU holder), or termination of the DSU holder's Board service.
- (2) The DSU is payable in either cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc.

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