

PINCHEV ALEX
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PINCHEV ALEX

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RED HAT INC [rhat]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2006

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

EVP, Worldwide Sales

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | | M | 21,875 A \$ 6.15 | 75,520 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | | S | 1,275 (2) D \$ 18.85 | 74,245 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | | S | 4,600 (2) D \$ 18.75 | 69,645 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | | S | 5,000 (2) D \$ 18.77 | 64,645 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | | S | 2,000 (2) D \$ 18.79 | 62,645 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | S | 3,000 (2) | D | \$ 18.76 | 59,645 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2006 | S | 6,000 (2) | D | \$ 18.8 | 53,645 | 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) | 5. Number of Derivative 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | \$ 6.15 | 10/23/2006 | | M | 21,875 | 04/23/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 04/23/2013 | Common Stock 21,875 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PINCHEV ALEX | | | EVP, Worldwide Sales | |

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in fact
UPOA 10/24/2006

**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).
- (1) 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.
- (2) This stock sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan dated December 27, 2005.

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