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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Jenkins Shawn A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Benefitfocus,Inc. [BNFT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY	(Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2016	X Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) below) CEO			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line)			
CHARLESTON, SC 29492		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D) Price	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	08/12/2016		S	50,000	D	\$ 42.02 (1)	2,300,896	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)

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	<u>)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock	9,385
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.09					(3))	02/20/2017	Common Stock	647,458
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting o where the control of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Jenkins Shawn A 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492	X		CEO					

Signatures

/s/ Donald R. Reynolds, 08/16/2016 Attorney-in-Fact Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.59 to \$42.15. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted (1) average price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction were effected.
 - Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. A percentage of PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of annual revenue goals and non-GAAP net income (loss) goals during the period of January 1,
- (2) 2016 through December 31, 2016. Vesting of the PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

(3) This option is fully vested.

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- Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. PRSUs vest upon the achievement of adjusted EBITDA and compounded annual revenue growth rate goals during the period of January 1, 2015
- (4) through December 31, 2017. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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