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RED HAT INC Form 8-K October 27, 2006

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2006

Red Hat, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	000-26281	06-1364380
(State or other juris- diction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina		27606
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 754-3700

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 240.14a-12)
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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 27, 2006, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to an aggregate of \$250 million of the Company's

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common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and up to \$75 million of its 0.5% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024 from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, as applicable. The program will expire on earlier of (i) October 31, 2007, or (ii) a determination by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer to discontinue the program. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement of the repurchase program is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Company Press Release, dated October 27, 2006

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RED HAT, INC.

Date: October 27, 2006

By: /s/ Michael R. Cunningham ————————————— Michael R. Cunningham General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1

Company Press Release, dated October 27, 2006