

Cook Mark
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cook Mark

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2009

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

C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801 VARSITY DRIVE

(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

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/28/2009		M		8,445	A	\$ 26.08
Common Stock	12/28/2009		S		8,445	D	\$ 31.03 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	12/29/2009		M		9,555	A	\$ 26.08
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		5,055	D	\$ 30.9
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		4,500	D	\$ 30.91

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Common Stock	12/29/2009	S	4,622	D	\$ 31 (2)	6,335	D
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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.08	12/28/2009		M		8,445		(3)	12/15/2010	Common Stock	8,445
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.08	12/29/2009		M		9,555		(3)	12/15/2010	Common Stock	9,555

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Cook Mark C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606	VP / Controller

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly Yule, Atty in fact
UPOA

12/30/2009

__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) Represents the weighted average sale price per share. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$31.00-\$31.10 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.
 - (2) Represents the weighted average sale price per share. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$31.00-\$31.02 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.
 - (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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