CORMIER PAUL J

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of CORMIER PAUL		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	st) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approache)		
C/O RED HAT, INC, 1801 VARSITY DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2006	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) EVP, Engineering		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RALEIGH, NC 276	506	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	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. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
G			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/09/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 6.76	10,000	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 27.35	0	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M	1,000	A	\$ 6.76	1,000	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 26.77	0	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.76	02/09/2006		M		10,000	<u>(2)</u>	07/22/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.76	02/10/2006		M		1,000	(2)	07/22/2013	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CORMIER PAUL J C/O RED HAT, INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

EVP, Engineering

Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA 02/13/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 stock sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan effective January 3, 2006.
- (2) This option is exercisable 25% on the first anniversary date 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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