PINCHEV ALEX Form 4 January 20, 2006

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and A	Address of Repo	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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				
C/O RED H VARSITY	IAT, INC., 1 DRIVE	801	(Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title 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) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
RALEIGH, NC 27606				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner			
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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	ion Date, if Transaction Code			equired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/18/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	6,250	D	\$ 28.8	30,625	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2006		S(1)	6,250	D	\$ 29.09	30,625	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 13.53	01/18/2006		M	6,250	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250
Common Stock	\$ 13.53	01/19/2006		M	6,250	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250

## **Reporting Owners**

Departing Oversey Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PINCHEV ALEX C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

**EVP Worldwide Sales** 

### **Signatures**

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA 01/20/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

## **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 December 27, 2005.

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(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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