RED HAT INC Form 4 July 18, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

GUPTA NARENDRA Issuer Symbol RED HAT INC [RHT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801 07/16/2008 below) VARSITY DRIVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 07/16/2008 $A^{(1)}$ D 2,095 A \$0 2,095 Stock

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Unit	\$ 0	07/16/2008		A	5,250	07/16/2007(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	5,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·k··· g····	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GUPTA NARENDRA C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606	X						

Signatures

/s/ Emily Del Toro, Atty in Fact UPOA 07/18/2008

**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).

Date

- (1) This restricted stock award was granted pursuant to Red Hat's 2008 Independent Director Compensation Plan and will be fully vested on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- This DSU was granted pursuant to Red Hat's 2008 Independent Director Compensation Plan, in lieu of a portion of an annual restricted stock grant, and will be full vested on the first anniversary of the date of the grant. The DSU will be paid out in cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc. on the earlier of January 1, 2020 (the deferral date designated by the Reporting Person) or upon termination of the Reporting Person's Board of Director service.
- (3) This DSU is payable in either cash or common stock at the election of Red Hat, Inc.

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