PINCHEV ALEX Form 4 February 01, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PINCHEV ALEX			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)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encon un appricació)		
C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801 VARSITY DRIVE		1	(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP Worldwide Sales		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RALEIGH, NC 27606			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	6,250	D	\$ 27.97	30,625	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	6,250	D	\$ 28.52	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(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	01/30/2006		M	6,250	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53	01/31/2006		M	6,250	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of their remark returns	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PINCHEV ALEX							
C/O RED HAT, INC.			EVP Worldwide Sales				
1801 VARSITY DRIVE			EVE WORIGWIGE Sales				

Signatures

RALEIGH, NC 27606

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact	02/01/2006
UPOA	02/01/2000

**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 December 27, 2005.
- (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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