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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ROHDE JOANNE** Issuer Symbol RED HAT INC [RHAT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O RED HAT INC, 1801 03/01/2006 below) **VARSITY DRIVE EVP Worldwide Operations** (Street) 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting RALEIGH, NC 27606 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2006		M	37,500	A	\$ 12.45	37,500	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2006		S(1)	37,500	D	\$ 27.61	0	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2006		M	31,250	A	\$ 12.88	31,250	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	31,250	D	\$ 27.61	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)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		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)	\$ 12.45	03/01/2006		M	37,500	<u>(2)</u>	08/20/2014	Common Stock	37,500	
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.88	03/01/2006		M	31,250	<u>(2)</u>	09/22/2014	Common Stock	31,250	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROHDE JOANNE C/O RED HAT INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

EVP Worldwide Operations

Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA 03/02/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 5, 2006.
- (2) This option exercises 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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