NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC
Form 4
November 15, 2016

## FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <br> **BUA JEAN A** | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol <br> **NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC** <br> **[NTCT]** | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <br><br> (Check all applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <br> 11/13/2016 | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner <br> __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) <br> See Remarks |
| C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <br> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person <br> ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| WESTFORD, MA 01886 | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 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) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2016 | | M[(1)] | | 6,250 | A [(1)] | [(2)] | 47,758 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2016 | | F[(3)] | | 2,029 | D | $ 31.6 [(4)] | 45,729 | 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 of Derivative 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) | | 8. Der Sec (Ins |
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| | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 11/13/2016 | | M | | 6,250 | | 11/13/2016 | (5) | Common Stock | 6,250 | |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUA JEAN A C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886 | | | See Remarks | |

# Signatures

| /s/ Jean Bua | 11/15/2016 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

# 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)     The shares of Common Stock were acquired upon the vesting of certain restricted stock units previously granted to the reporting person.

(2)     Price is N/A.

(3)     The shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

(4)     Represents the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on November 11, 2016.

(5)     Date is N/A.

**Remarks:**
EVP, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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