

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>August Raymond Alexander</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY (Street) CHARLESTON SC 29492 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and COO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2017	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	02/27/2017		M		7,222 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	205,324	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/27/2017		M			7,222	(1)	12/31/2016	Common Stock	7,222	\$0.00	449	D	
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/27/2017		D			449	(2)	12/31/2016	Common Stock	449	\$0.00	0	D	
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(3)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	40,000		40,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the performance restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on March 30, 2016 ("PRSUs"). Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual revenue goals and non-GAAP net income (loss) goals during the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- Represents the portion of PRSUs that were forfeited to the Issuer after determining the percentage of PRSUs that vested.
- Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. PRSUs vest upon the achievement of adjusted EBITDA and compounded annual revenue growth rate goals during the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

Remarks:

/s/ Donald R. Reynolds, 03/01/2017
Attorney-in-Fact
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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