

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>August Raymond Alexander</b><br>_____<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY</b><br>_____<br>(Street)<br><b>CHARLESTON SC 29492</b><br>_____<br>(City) (State) (Zip) |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>Benefitfocus, Inc. [ BNFT ]</b> |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>President and CEO</b> |  |
|  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>04/01/2019</b>             |  |   |  |
|  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                          |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><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                    | 04/01/2019                           |  | M                              |   | 9,092 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A          | \$0.00 | 348,561   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2019                           |  | M                              |   | 79,611 <sup>(2)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 428,172   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 5,642 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A          | \$0.00 | 433,814   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 24,911 <sup>(4)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 458,725   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 50,000 <sup>(5)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 508,725   | 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   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (1)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | M                              |   |  | 9,092  | (1)  | 04/01/2019      | Common Stock  | 9,092                      | \$0.00                                     | 929  | D   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (6)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | D                              |   |  | 929    | (6)  | 04/01/2019      | Common Stock  | 929                        | \$0.00                                     | 0  | D   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (2)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | M                              |   |  | 79,611 | (2)  | 04/01/2022      | Common Stock  | 79,611                     | \$0.00                                     | 21,100   | D   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (6)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | D                              |   |  | 21,100 | (6)  | 04/01/2022      | Common Stock  | 21,100                     | \$0.00                                     | 0  | D   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (7)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   |  | 5,605  | (7)  | 04/01/2020      | Common Stock  | 5,605                      | \$0.00                                     | 5,605  | D   |  |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (8)  | 04/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   |  | 74,733 | (8)  | 04/01/2023      | Common Stock  | 74,733                     | \$0.00                                     | 74,733   | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the performance restricted stock units ("PRSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on March 29, 2018. Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual revenue goal, an adjusted EBITDA goal, and a net new bookings goal, during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the PRSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 29, 2018. Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual recurring revenue bookings percentage growth goals during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. One-fourth of the shares are vested, with the remaining shares to vest in three equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020.
- Represents common stock of the Issuer resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units granted in connection with the achievement of performance metrics in 2018.
- Represents restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020, subject to continued employment.
- Represents restricted stock units which will vest in full on April 1, 2023, subject to continued employment.
- Represents the portion of PRSUs that were forfeited to the Issuer after determining the percentage of PRSUs that vested.
- Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. A percentage of the PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of an annual revenue goal and an adjusted EBITDA goal, during the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.
- Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. The PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of net annual recurring revenue bookings growth goals during the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, such vesting to occur in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020, if the performance metrics are met. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting will also accelerate as to the next tranche of vesting units in the event of death or disability after the performance period. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

**Remarks:**

/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact 04/03/2019

\*\* 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).

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