

Benefitfocus, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Howell Andrew L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY

(Street)

CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Commercial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/11/2015		M		3,098 A \$ 3.8	200,904	D
Common Stock	05/11/2015		M		4,266 A \$ 5.38	205,170	D
Common Stock	05/11/2015		M		3,079 A \$ 10.3	208,249	D
Common Stock	05/11/2015		M		16,057 A \$ 13.53	224,306	D
Common Stock	05/11/2015		S ⁽¹⁾		26,500 D \$ 35.07	197,806	D
					(2)		

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.8	05/11/2015		M ⁽³⁾	3,098	⁽⁴⁾ 06/30/2019	Common Stock	3,098
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.38	05/11/2015		M ⁽³⁾	4,266	⁽⁵⁾ 06/30/2020	Common Stock	4,266
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3	05/11/2015		M ⁽³⁾	3,079	⁽⁶⁾ 09/30/2022	Common Stock	3,079
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53	05/11/2015		M ⁽³⁾	16,057	⁽⁷⁾ 05/07/2023	Common Stock	16,057

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howell Andrew L 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492			Chief Commercial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Donald R. Reynolds,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/13/2015

__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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan executed by the reporting person on May 8, 2015 and effective on May 11, 2015.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$34.77 to \$35.51. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
 - (3) This exercise was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan executed by the reporting person on May 8, 2015 and effective on May 11, 2015.
 - (4) This option is fully vested.

This option was granted on July 1, 2010 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on July 1, 2011, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.
 - (6) This option was granted on October 1, 2012 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on October 1, 2013, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.
 - (7) This option was granted on May 8, 2013 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on May 8, 2014, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.

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