

Benefitfocus, Inc.  
Form 4  
June 11, 2014

**FORM 4**

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

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

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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)  
06/09/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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)
Common Stock	06/09/2014		M	7,163	A \$ 5.38	101,552	D
Common Stock	06/09/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	7,163	D \$ 40.287	94,389	D
Common Stock	06/10/2014		M	2,725	A \$ 5.38	97,114	D
Common Stock	06/10/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,725	D \$ 40.131	94,389	D
	06/10/2014		M	25,000	A \$ 3.14	119,389	D

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock      06/10/2014      M      21,902      A      \$ 3.8      141,291      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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.38	06/09/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	7,163	<sup>(4)</sup> 06/30/2020	Common Stock	7,163
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.38	06/10/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,725	<sup>(4)</sup> 06/30/2020	Common Stock	2,725
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.14	06/10/2014		M	25,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/01/2018	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.8	06/10/2014		M	21,902	<sup>(5)</sup> 06/30/2019	Common Stock	21,902
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3					<sup>(6)</sup> 09/30/2022	Common Stock	22,667
Stock Option	\$ 13.53					<sup>(7)</sup> 05/07/2023	Common Stock	51,461

(Right to  
Buy)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

06/11/2014

\_\_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 exercise and sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 19, 2014.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$40.00 to \$40.75. 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 transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$40.00 to \$40.245. 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.

(4) 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.

(5) This option is fully vested.

(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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