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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jenkins Shawn A Issuer Symbol Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY 11/06/2017 below) below) **CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHARLESTON, SC 29492 Person

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(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Perivative S	ecuri	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	posed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/06/2017		P	37,000	A	\$ 25.27 (1)	2,782,683	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(3)					(3)	04/01/2018	Common Stock	11,120
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	04/01/2021	Common Stock	50,043

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Jenkins Shawn A							
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY	X		CEO				
CHARLESTON, SC 29492							

Signatures

/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- This purchase was executed in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.15 to \$25.40. The price reported in Column 4 is a (1) 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.
 - Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. PRSUs vest upon the achievement of adjusted EBITDA and compounded annual
- (2) 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 the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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- 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 annual revenue goals and free cash flow goals, all subject to a
- (3) minimum adjusted EBITDA level, during the period of January 1, 2017 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 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 annual recurring revenue bookings percentage growth goals during the period of
- January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, such vesting to occur in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2018, if the performance metrics are met. 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 the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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