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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
February 13, 2018

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

1-16411
(Commission File Number)

No. 80-0640649
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

2980 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042
www.northropgrumman.com
(Address of principal executive offices and internet site)

(703) 280-2900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 13, 2018, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors of Northrop Grumman Corporation (the "Company") approved the following compensation-related actions for the Company's named executive officers.

- Approved the 2018 goals under the Incentive Compensation Plans (the "ICP"). The financial metrics selected for inclusion in the ICP (and their relative weightings) are as follows: pension-adjusted operating margin rate (1/3); cash flow from operations before discretionary pension funding (1/3); and pension-adjusted net income growth (1/3).
- Awarded Restricted Performance Stock Rights ("RPSR") for the performance period 2018-2020 and approved the metrics for such RPSR awards (and their relative weightings), which will be measured in terms of relative total shareholder return (50%) and cumulative free cash flow before pension funding (50%). These metrics are the same as the metrics selected for 2017. The Board of Directors also approved the award of Restricted Stock Rights ("RSR") that will vest on February 13, 2021. Of the awards granted, 70% were comprised of RPSRs and 30% were comprised of RSRs. Similar to prior years, the Compensation Committee did not award any stock options. There is no material change from 2017 in the terms of the 2018 RPSR and RSR awards for the named executive officers.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN
CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jennifer C. McGarey
Jennifer C. McGarey
Corporate Vice President and
Secretary

Date: February 15, 2018