

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHESTON SHEILA C.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE  (Street) FALLS CHURCH VA 22042  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/ [ NOC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____  <u>Corp. VP &amp; General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/13/2018</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	02/13/2018		M		14,796 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.0000	58,857.52	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2018		F		7,147 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$0.0000	51,710.52	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
Restricted Performance Stock Rights	(3)	02/13/2018		A		10,103 <sup>(4)</sup>		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	10,103	\$0.0000	36,672 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Restricted Performance Stock Rights	(3)	02/13/2018		M			14,796 <sup>(1)</sup>	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	14,796	\$0.0000	21,876 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	
Restricted Stock Rights	(7)	02/13/2018		A		2,348		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	2,348	\$0.0000	14,308 <sup>(8)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares expected to be issued in settlement of Restricted Performance Stock Rights ("RPSRs") granted under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("LTISP") on 2/18/15 with a valuation of performance measurement period ("measurement period") that ended 12/31/17. RPSRs to be settled at 150% of target. The shares are anticipated to be distributed into the participant's account on February 22, 2018.
- Shares surrendered to issuer in payment of tax liability in connection with settlement of RPSRs in accordance with Rule 16b-3(e).
- Each RPSR represents a contingent right to receive an equivalent number of shares of Issuer common stock, or, at the Issuer's election, cash or a combination of cash and Issuer common stock. The RPSRs vest if the application performance metric is satisfied for the relevant measurement period. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- The RPSRs acquired include (i) 4,932 vested RPSRs with respect to the measurement period ended 12/31/17 acquired due to settlement of the 2015 RPSRs held at 150% of the target award and (ii) 5,171 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/13/18 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/20.
- Total amount includes 14,796 vested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/18/15 with a measurement period ended on 12/31/17; 5,171 RPSRs granted on 2/13/18 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/20; 7,626 RPSRs granted on 2/17/17 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/19; and 9,079 RPSRs granted on 2/17/16 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/18.
- Total amount includes 5,171 RPSRs granted on 2/13/18 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/20; 7,626 RPSRs granted on 2/17/17 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/19; and 9,079 RPSRs granted on 2/17/16 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/18.
- Each Restricted Stock Right ("RSR") represents a contingent right to receive an equivalent number of shares of Issuer common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer's Compensation Committee, cash or a combination of cash and Issuer common stock. The RSRs were granted under the LTISP on 2/13/18 and will vest on 2/13/21.
- Total amount includes 2,348 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/13/18 that will vest on 2/13/21; 3,189 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/17/17 that will vest on 2/17/20; 4,120 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/17/16 that will vest on 2/17/19; and 4,651 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/18/15 that will vest on 2/18/18.

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/15/2018

\*\* 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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