FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Hardesty Michael A					<u>N</u> (	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/ [NOC]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2016									lationship of Reporting k all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)		g Per	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s below)	vner
(Last) 2980 FA	Last) (First) (Middle) 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE														Corp VP, Controller & CAO  dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
(Street) FALLS CHURC	H V	VA 22042					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)												
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri\	/ative	e Se	curit	ies Ac	quired	Dis	sposed (	of, or Be	nefic	ially	Owned	k			
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								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	)	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock			02/20/	02/20/2016(1)				М		2,1580	2) <b>A</b>	\$0.0	0000	20,563.16			D		
Common	Stock			02/20/	2016 <sup>(1</sup>	1)			F		1,030(	3) D	\$19	0.68	19,5	19,533.16 D			
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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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		n of l		xercis n Date ay/Ye			nount of curities		Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4)
				Cor	Code	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Restricted Stock	(4)	02/20/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>			M			2,158	(4)		(4)	Common Stock	2,15	8 9	0.0000	3,230 <sup>(5</sup>	5)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. In light of the vesting date, Saturday, February 20, 2016, and in accordance with the terms of the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("LTISP"), award shares were valued based on the Company's closing stock price on February 19, 2016, the immediately preceding business day. The shares were distributed into the participant's account on February 22, 2016.
- $2. \ Shares \ issued \ upon \ vesting \ of \ Restricted \ Stock \ Rights \ ("RSRs") \ granted \ under \ the \ LTISP \ on \ 2/20/13 \ that \ vested \ on \ 2/20/16.$
- 3. Shares surrendered to issuer in payment of tax liability in connection with vesting of RSRs in accordance with Rule 16b-3(e).
- 4. 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.
- 5. Total amount includes 947 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/17/16 that will vest on 2/17/19; 1,023 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/18/15 that will vest on 2/18/18; and 1,260 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/19/14 that will vest on 2/19/17.

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey, 02/23/2016 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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