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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Corp. VP & General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/24/2012</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M		29,157	A	\$58.58	39,640	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M		19,123	A	\$63.22	58,763	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		S		46,532	D	\$67.3 ⁽¹⁾	12,231	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
Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	\$63.22	08/24/2012		M			19,123	(2)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	19,123	\$0.0000	38,249	D	
Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	\$58.58	08/24/2012		M			29,157	(3)	11/11/2017	Common Stock	29,157	\$0.0000	58,316	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the weighted average sale price of \$67.30 rounded to the nearest hundredth. The highest price at which the shares sold was \$67.32 and the lowest price at which the shares sold was \$67.29. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote in this Form 4.
2. The option vests over a period of three years to the extent of one-third (33%) annual equal installments on 2/15/12, 2/15/13 and 2/15/14.
3. The option vests over a period of three years to the extent of one-third (33%) annual equal installments on 11/11/11, 11/11/12 and 11/11/13.

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey, 08/28/2012
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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