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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Jones Christo | <u> </u> | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/</u> [<u>NOC</u>] | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | |
|---|------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2016 | | Corp VP & Pres Tech Svcs | | |
| (Street) FALLS CHURCH | H VA 22042 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2016(1) | | М | | 11,357 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$0.0000 | 53,990.308 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2016(1) | | F | | 5,418 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | \$190.68 | 48,572.308 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,619.697 | I | Held in Northrop Grumman Savings & Investment Plan ⁽⁵⁾ |

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. Transa Code (8) | | n of | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Rights | (6) | 02/20/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | | М | | | 11,357 | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 11,357 | \$0.0000 | 16,360 ⁽⁷⁾ | 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. Amount also includes shares acquired under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan through transaction date February 12, 2016, which transactions are exempted from Section 16 and not reportable under Rule 16a-11.

4. Shares surrendered to issuer in payment of tax liability in connection with vesting of RSRs in accordance with Rule 16b-3(e).

5. Held in the Northrop Grumman Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan"), a qualified profit sharing plan, as of Februrary 12, 2016. Share totals with respect to the Plan are based upon unit accounting and therefore may reflect a decrease in units attributable to an individual though no disposition occurred.

6. 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.

7. Total amount includes 4,943 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/17/16 that will vest on 2/17/19; 5,117 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/18/15 that will vest on 2/18/18; and 6,300 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/19/14 that will vest on 2/19/17.

<u>/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey,</u>

<u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>

<u>02/23/2016</u> Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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