

Benefitfocus, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Howell Andrew L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY  
(Street)

CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Commercial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/01/2015		A		21,005 (1)	A	\$ 0 199,162 D
Common Stock	04/01/2015		F		1,356 (2)	D	\$ 36.79 197,806 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.8					(3) 06/30/2019	Common Stock 3,098	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.38					(4) 06/30/2020	Common Stock 7,608	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3					(5) 09/30/2022	Common Stock 22,667	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53					(6) 05/07/2023	Common Stock 51,461	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howell Andrew L 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492			Chief Commercial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Donald R. Reynolds,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/02/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

- (1) Represents restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2016, subject to continued employment.
- (2) Represents shares forfeited to the Issuer in connection with the satisfaction of tax liabilities incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted April 1, 2014.
- (3) This option is fully vested.

This option was granted on July 1, 2010 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on July 1, 2011, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.

- (5) This option was granted on October 1, 2012 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on October 1, 2013, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.

- (6) This option was granted on May 8, 2013 and vests over a four-year period with one-fourth (1/4) of the option granted vesting on May 8, 2014, the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the balance of the option granted vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the following 36 months.

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