

CHESTON SHEILA C.
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FORM 4

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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 *
CHESTON SHEILA C.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/ [NOC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Corp. VP & General Counsel

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Performance Stock Rights	(1)	02/15/2012	A	25,637					(1)	(1)	Common Stock (1)	25,637
Restricted Stock Rights	(3)	02/15/2012	A	10,059					(3)	(3)	Common Stock (3)	10,059

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHESTON SHEILA C. 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042			Corp. VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey, Attorney-in-fact for Sheila C. Cheston

02/17/2012

__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) Each Restricted Performance Stock Right ("RPSR") 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 RPSRs vest if the applicable performance metric is satisfied for the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2014.

(2) Total amount includes 25,637 unvested RPSRs granted under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("LTISP") on 2/15/12 with a valuation of performance measurement period ("measurement period") ending on 12/31/14; 20,699 unvested RPSRs granted under the 2001 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("2001 LTISP") on 11/11/10 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/12; 13,482 unvested RPSRs granted under the 2001 LTISP on 2/15/11 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/13; Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

(3) 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 2/15/12 and will vest on 2/15/15.

(4) Total amount includes 10,059 unvested RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/12 that will vest on 2/15/15; 18,048 unvested RSRs granted under the 2001 LTISP on 11/11/10 that will vest on 11/11/12; and 13,482 unvested RSRs granted under the 2001 LTISP on 2/15/11 that will vest on 2/15/15. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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