DONAHUE ROBERT E

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DONAHUE ROBERT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC

(Check all applicable)

[NTCT] (First) (Middle)

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

03/12/2013

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS. INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

6. Date Exercisable and 5. Number

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	03/12/2013		A	1,301		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1,301	٥

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONAHUE ROBERT E C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886

X

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. 03/14/2013 Donahue

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Price is N/A.
- All of the Restricted Stock Units vest on the date of the Company's Annual Meeting to occur in 2013, provided that during the period from the date of grant through the date of such Annual Meeting, the reporting person attends at least 75% of the meetings, collectively, of the Board and any committee of the Board of which the reporting person is a member. In the event that the attendance requirements are not met, the Restricted Stock Units will not become vested until 3/12/16.
- (3) Date is N/A.

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