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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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RED HAT, INC.

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1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting
to Be Held on Thursday, August 13, 2009**

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:

<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymelon/rht>

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before July 30, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.

Dear Red Hat, Inc. Stockholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Red Hat, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Red Hat, Inc. Corporate Headquarters, 1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

Proposals to be considered at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

- (1) to elect two members to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a three-year term as a Class I director;
- (2) to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010; and
- (3) to transact other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 and 2.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on June 17, 2009 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or any adjournment(s) thereof.

Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Directions to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders where you may vote in person can be obtained by calling Red Hat's Investor Relations at 919-754-3700 or via email at investors@redhat.com.

Meeting Location:

Red Hat, Inc.

Corporate Headquarters

1801 Varsity Drive

Raleigh, NC 27606

The following proxy materials are available for you to review online:

Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (including all attachments thereto);
Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2009 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials);
Proxy Card; and
any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

To request a paper copy of the proxy materials (you must reference your 11 digit control number):

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688),

Email: shrrelations@bnymellon.com

Internet: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/rht>

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