

PALMER JAMES F
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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 *
PALMER JAMES F

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)
02/14/2012

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

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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 (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | A | | 49,000 (1) | A | \$ 60.21 |
| | | | | | 207,307 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | F | | 20,677 | D | \$ 60.21 |
| | | | | | 186,630 (3) | 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PALMER JAMES F 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042 | | | Corp. VP & CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey, Attorney-in-fact for James F. Palmer
02/16/2012

__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).
- Shares issued in settlement of 30,625 Restricted Performance Stock Rights ("RPSRs") granted under the 2001 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("LTISP") on 2/17/09 with a valuation of performance measurement period ("measurement period") ended 12/31/11. The performance shares were settled at 160% of the target award.

(2) Total amount includes 93,101 shares of common stock; 34,562 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/16/10 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/12; 16,853 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/13; 45,938 Restricted Stock Rights ("RSRs") granted pursuant to the LTISP on 2/16/10 that will vest on 2/16/14; and 16,853 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 that will vest on 2/15/15. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

(3) Total amount includes 72,424 shares of common stock; 34,562 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/16/10 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/12; 16,853 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/13; 45,938 RSRs granted pursuant to the LTISP on 2/16/10 that will vest on 2/16/14; and 16,853 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 that will vest on 2/15/15. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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