

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC  
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 \*  
SINGHAL ANIL K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC  
[NTCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/07/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | Price  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 11,760  | \$ 21  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 3,931   | \$ 25.23   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/16/2012                           |  | G <sup>(5)</sup>               | V   | 202,319   | \$ 21  | I   |

See Footnote <sup>(6)</sup>

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (2)  | 09/07/2012                           |  | M                              | 11,760  | 09/07/2012 (7)   | Common Stock  | 11,760                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| SINGHAL ANIL K<br>C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.<br>310 LITTLETON ROAD<br>WESTFORD, MA 01886 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Anil K. Singhal 09/11/2012

\_\_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) The shares of Common Stock were acquired upon the vesting of certain Restricted Stock Units previously granted to the reporting person.
- (2) Price is N/A.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Company to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units. The withheld shares were returned to treasury.
- (4) Represents the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on September 6, 2012.
- (5) This reflects the transfer of 202,319 shares of Common Stock held by a grantor retained annuity trust in the name of the reporting person upon the termination of such trust to existing trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's adult children in accordance with the terms of the grantor retained annuity trust's trust documents. The remainder of the shares held by such grantor retained annuity trust were

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transferred to an existing trust in the name of the reporting person in accordance with the terms of the grantor retained annuity trust's trust documents and as a result there was no change in the number of shares beneficially owned by the reporting person with respect to those shares.

(6) The shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by various trusts for the benefit of the reporting person and his spouse.

(7) Date is N/A

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