

SOMMERS DAVID P  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 SOMMERS DAVID P

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)  
 C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS,  
 INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2010

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CFO & VP General Operations

WESTFORD, MA 01886

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A (1)	\$ 4.22 136,796 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D (1)	\$ 15.0511 126,796 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A (1)	\$ 4.22 136,796 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D (1)	\$ 15.1516 126,796 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4)</sub>	D	

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	02/16/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	02/17/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOMMERS DAVID P C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886			CFO & VP General Operations	

**Signatures**

/s/ David P.  
Sommers  
02/18/2010

\*\*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) Option was exercised and related Common stock was sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share; the actual sales price per share ranged from \$15 to \$15.11.
- (3) 2,500 of these shares are held by a trust in which the reporting person has a pecuniary interest.
- (4) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share; the actual sales price per share ranged from \$15.01 to \$15.32.
- (5) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on June 13, 2004 and the remainder vested in equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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