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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Grasso Alfred

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC

[NTCT]

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

04/23/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Expires:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS.

INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

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

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

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(State) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (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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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

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

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) | of | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (I | D) Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 04/23/2018 | | A | 2,000 | (2) | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 2,000 | g |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Grasso Alfred C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Scott Hodgdon, by Power of Attorney

04/25/2018

**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) Price is N/A.
- All of the Restricted Stock Units vest on the date of the Company's Annual Meeting to occur in 2018, 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 4/23/2021.
- (3) Date is N/A.

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