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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Grasso Alfred

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC

(Check all applicable)

[NTCT]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year) 09/12/2018

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following Reported

(Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price (D)

Code V Amount

Common Stock

09/12/2018

 $M^{(1)}$ 2,000

(2) 2,000 (1)

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)

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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. Numb orDerivati Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	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
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/12/2018		M		2,000	09/12/2018	(3)	Common Stock	2,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/12/2018		A	7,000		<u>(4)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Greg Sloan, by Power of Attorney 09/14/2018

**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) 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) Date is N/A.

All of the Restricted Stock Units vest on the date of the Company's Annual Meeting to occur in 2019, 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 09/12/2021.

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