

DONAHUE THOMAS R  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 DONAHUE THOMAS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FEDERATED INVESTORS INC /PA/ [FII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, CFO, Treasurer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC., FEDERATED INVESTORS TOWER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/11/2008

(Street)  
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-3779

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

(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 (D) Price			
Class B Common Stock	09/11/2008		G	V 590 A \$ 0	667,185 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	D	
Class B Common Stock	09/11/2008		G	V 590 A \$ 0	3,509 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	held indirectly by spouse
Class B Common Stock	09/11/2008		G	V 3,430 A \$ 0	520,584 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	held indirectly by J. Christopher

Class B  
Common Stock 09/11/2008 G<sup>(3)</sup> V 1,500 A \$ 0 273,090 <sup>(2)</sup> I

Donahue as  
custodian for  
minor  
children  
held  
indirectly by  
children

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
				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
DONAHUE THOMAS R C/O FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC. FEDERATED INVESTORS TOWER PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-3779			VP, CFO, Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Gail C. Jones  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 09/15/2008

\*\*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) This includes 72 shares of Federated Investors, Inc. Class B Common Stock held in Federated's Profit Sharing/401 (k) Plan.
- (2) In addition to the holdings set forth in Table I: 805,550 shares are held indirectly by MaxFund Partners, L.P.; 302,405 shares are held indirectly by Beechwood Company; and 111,540 shares are held indirectly by Comax Partners Limited Partnership.
- (3) Gift to children who share Mr. Donahue's household.

### Remarks:

The Power of Attorney dated July 25, 2006 is incorporated by reference.

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