

Maloney Richard A  
 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 \*  
 Maloney Richard A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STAGE STORES INC [SSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 10201 MAIN STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2010

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CMO

HOUSTON, TX 77025

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 25,000<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 12.94                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 55,000  | 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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Am<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs)           | \$ 12.94   | 02/15/2010                           |  | A                              | 100,000<br>(2)  | 02/15/2011   | 02/15/2017  | Common Stock | 10               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Maloney Richard A<br>10201 MAIN STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77025 |               |           | CMO     |       |

## Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Richard A. Maloney 02/16/2010

\*\*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) On February 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted 25,000 shares of restricted common stock. The shares will vest, on a three-year cliff basis, on February 15, 2013.
- On February 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) with respect to a total of 100,000 shares of common stock. The grant price for the SARs is \$12.94 per share of common stock, which was the closing price of the issuer's common stock on the last trading day prior to that date (February 12, 2010). The SARs will vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the date of grant. They will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after termination of employment (one year if termination is due to death, disability or retirement), or (ii) seven years from the date of grant.

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