

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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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 *
COLE THOMAS L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC, 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/22/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice Chair

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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			
Common Stock	03/22/2005		M	891.19 A \$ 0	22,401 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		F	393 D \$ 62.32	22,008	D	
Common Stock					4,192 ⁽³⁾	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)

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
Phantom Stock Units	(4)	03/22/2005		M		891.19		03/22/2005	03/22/2005	Common Stock	891.19

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLE THOMAS L C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice Chair	

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas L. Cole pursuant to a Power of Attorney 03/24/2005

__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 number includes 17.88 shares received on March 22, 2005 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's long term incentive plan. The fractional share that remained after adding the 891.19 shares, being reported herein, and the aforementioned dividends was .07. This fractional share was paid out in cash pursuant to the Issuer's long term incentive plan and therefore is not reflected in this amount.
 - (2) Fractional share of .15 previously reported was paid out in cash pursuant the the Issuer's long term incentive plan.
 - (3) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(K) plan, derived by dividing the value of undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of March 22, 2005 by \$61.45, the stock price of such date.
 - (4) 1-for-1 conversion.

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