

RENTLER BARBARA

Form 4

January 23, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RENTLER BARBARA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE,
BUILDING 4

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive VP, CMO of DD's

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2006 | | M | | 13,466 | A | \$ 10.828 | 120,887 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2006 | | S | | 13,466 | D | \$ 30.0005 | 107,421 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2006 | | M | | 1,534 | A | \$ 11.031 | 108,955 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2006 | | S | | 1,534 | D | \$ 30.0005 | 107,421 | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 10.828 | 01/19/2006 | | M | 13,466 | <u>(1)</u> 03/17/2009 | Common Stock | 13,466 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 11.031 | 01/19/2006 | | M | 1,534 | <u>(1)</u> 03/16/2010 | Common Stock | 1,534 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RENTLER BARBARA 4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4 PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | | | Executive VP, CMO of DD's | |

Signatures

/s/Barbara Rentler EVP AND CHIEF MERCHANDISING
OFFICER

01/20/2006

__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) Option is fully vested and exercisable.

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