

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
 WHITTINGTON MARNA C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/31/2005

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

2959 BARLEY MILL ROAD

(Street)

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

YORKLAND, DE 19736

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2005		M	1,404 A \$ 21.375	6,737	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 21.375	03/31/2005		M	1,404	<u>(1)</u> 05/19/2005	Common Stock	1,404
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/31/2005		A	223	03/31/2008 03/31/2008	Common Stock	223
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/31/2005		A	223	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	223

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITTINGTON MARNA C 2959 BARLEY MILL ROAD YORKLAND, DE 19736		X		

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Marna C. Whittington pursuant to a Power of Attorney 04/04/2005

__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) Options became exercisable as follows: 702 on May 19, 1998 and 702 on May 19, 1999.
- (2) 1-for-1 conversion.
- (3) The price noted is the average of the value of the stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed.
- (4) Units are to be received by the Reporting Person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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