

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 \*  
 LEVINSON SARA

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)  
 03/21/2007

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

C/O WOMENS GROUP INC, 733 THIRD AVE 15TH FL

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/21/2007                           |  | M                              | A   | 3,500   | \$ 19.125  | 6,622 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/21/2007                           |  | S                              | D   | 3,500   | \$ 45.8  | 3,122   | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options to Purchase Common Stock           | \$ 19.125 <sup>(2)</sup>                               | 03/21/2007                           |  | M                              | 3,500 <sup>(2)</sup>  | <sup>(3)</sup> 05/16/2007                                | Common Stock  | 3,500 <sup>(2)</sup>          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEVINSON SARA<br>C/O WOMENS GROUP INC<br>733 THIRD AVE 15TH FL<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Christopher M. Kelly, as attorney-in-fact for Sara Levinson pursuant to a Power of Attorney 03/22/2007

\*\*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 June 9, 2006, the common stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 1,561 additional shares of common stock.
- (2) This option grant was previously reported as covering a total of 3,500 shares at an exercise price of \$38.25, but was adjusted to reflect the Issuer's stock split that occurred on June 9, 2006.
- (3) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,750 on May 16, 1998 and 1,750 on May 16, 1999.

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