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 * PICHLER JOSEPH A | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD] | | | | | | _X_ Direct | (Che | on(s) to Issue cable) 10% Owner Other (specify be | e) | |
|--|---|-----------------|--|--|--|--|---------|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | 3. Date of Earlies 06/30/2003 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City | ·) | (State) | (Zip) | Tal | 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 | 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) | | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | V | Amoun | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | (I) (Instr. 4) | ,, |
| Reminder: indirectly. | Report on a | separate line f | or each class of seco | urities beneficially | | Pers | sons wh | n this for | m are | e not req | uired to re | nformation espond unl ntrol numb | ess | CC 1474 (9- 02) |
| | | | | Derivative Securiti e.g., puts, calls, wa | • | | • | | | lly Owned | i | | | |
| Security | 2. 3. Transactic Date or Exercise (Month/Day Price of Derivative Security | | Execution Da any | ate, if Transaction of | | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) s i | | Amo Und Secu | itle and bunt of lerlying urities tr. 3 and | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirect | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Dat Exe | - | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Repor | ting O | wners | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | R JOSEPH | | Director 10% Ow X | rner Officer Other | er _ | | | | | | | | | |
| Signat | tures | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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) 1-for-1 Conversion
- (2) Units are to be settled in Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's termination from the Board of Directors.

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joseph A. Pichler pursuant to a Power of Attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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