

## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GROVE JANET		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) ____ Director X Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below) Vice Chairman			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC, 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2004					
(Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(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	03/09/2004		M	10,000 A \$ 27.75	26,279	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2004		M	6,000 A \$ 33.125	32,279	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2004		S	10,000 D \$ 53.11	22,279	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2004		S	6,000 D \$ 53.25	16,279	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.75	03/09/2004		M	10,000	(1) 10/11/2005	Common Stock 10,000	\$ 27.75	0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 33.125	03/09/2004		M	6,000	(2) 03/22/2006	Common Stock 6,000	\$ 33.125	0	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROVE JANET C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/Christopher M. Kelly, as attorney-in-fact for Janet Grove pursuant to a Power of Attorney		03/09/2004
 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) The options became exercisable as follows: 3,333 on October 11, 1996, 3,333 on October 11, 1997 and 3,334 on October 11, 1998.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,500 on March 22, 1997, 1,500 on March 22, 1998, 1,500 on March 22, 1999 and 1,500 on March 22, 2000.

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