

## FORM 4

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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 * 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director ____ Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below)				
(Last) C/O WOMENS GROUP INC, 733 THIRD AVE 15TH FL	(First) SARA	(Middle) LEVINSON	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004					
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10017			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	
Common Stock	09/30/2004		M	133	A	\$ 0	1,422 (1)	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				
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	09/30/2004		M		133		09/30/2004	09/30/2004	Common Stock	133	\$ 0	0	D	
Phantom Stock Unit	(2)	09/30/2004		A		219		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	219	\$ 46.39 (4)	219	D	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Sara Levinson pursuant to a Power of Attorney		10/04/2004
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) Includes 2 shares received September 30, 2004 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's directors compensation program.

(2) 1-for-1 conversion.

~~(3)~~ Units are to be settled in Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's termination from the Board of Directors.  
~~(4)~~ 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.

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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned, a director and/or officer of Federated Department Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Dennis J. Broderick, Padma Tatta Cariappa, Christopher M. Kelly and Mark E. Betzen, or any of them, my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution (individually, a "Designee," and collectively, the "Designees"), to (i) execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 (including any amendments thereto) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of the Company as such filings are required pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933, and (ii) to execute on the undersigned's behalf any seller's representation letter that may be required to be submitted to the broker handling any sale of the Company's securities for the benefit of the undersigned. The authority of each such Designee (or substitute or resubstitute) under this Power of Attorney shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in any such securities unless earlier revoked in a writing filed with the Commission. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor any of the Designees shall be responsible for any of the information furnished to the Company or any of the Designees by the undersigned for inclusions in any such filings or representation letters or as to the timing of any such filings (except in the case of the Company only and then only to the extent provided in the written procedures of the Company from time to time in effect specifically relating to such filings), or with respect to the requirements of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933.

/s/Sara Levinson

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Sara Levinson

Dated: August 27, 2004