

**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION****Washington, D.C. 20549****INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES****OMB APPROVAL**OMB 3235-  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROCHE JOYCE M (Last) (First) (Middle) 120 WALL STREET (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10005 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. 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
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	996	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROCHE JOYCE M 120 WALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10005	X			

**Signatures**

/s/Christopher M. Kelly, as attorney-in-fact for Joyce M. Roche pursuant to a Power of Attorney	03/03/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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/Joyce M. Roché  
Joyce M. Roché

Dated: November 21, 2005