

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
CLAYTON JAMES L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 MISSION RIDGE  
(Street)  
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| Derivative Security    |     |            | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------|-----|------------|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                        |     |            | Code  | V            |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 05/24/2005 | A   | 4,600<br>(2) | 05/24/2006(3)    | (3)             | Common Stock | 4,600<br>(2)               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CLAYTON JAMES L<br>100 MISSION RIDGE<br>GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 05/25/2005

\*\*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 restricted stock units convert to shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
  - (2) Represents the number of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on May 24, 2005 pursuant to the terms of the Dollar General Corporation 1998 Stock Incentive Plan.
  - (3) Although the restricted stock units generally vest on May 24, 2006, no payout can be made (in either shares of common stock or in cash) until the reporting person ceases service as a director of the Issuer.
- The restricted stock units vest on various dates ranging from March 12, 2005 to May 24, 2006. The total amount includes 47.24 restricted
- (4) stock units that were acquired since the reporting person's last report reflecting ownership of restricted stock units. Those units were acquired pursuant to automatic dividend reinvestments that were exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

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