FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add	Iress of Reporting F		er Name and Ticke STORES CO				(Check	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 2875 NEEDM	(First)	3. Date 01/10/	of Earliest Transac 2005	ction (Mor	nth/Da	ay/Year)		Director Officer (give title below) COB, CE	X 10% C Other below O, President	(specify			
(Street) DAYTON OH 45414 (City) (State) (Zip)				nendment, Date of (Original F	iled (f	Month/Day/Yea	6. Indiv X	 dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting F 				
	. ,		n-Derivative S	ecurities Acq	uired,	Disp	oosed of, o	r Bene	ficially C	wned			
1. Title of Securi	ity (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Ir 8) Code		4. Securities A Disposed Of (Amount			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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares \$.01 par value	01/10/2005	М		59,850	Α	\$6.17	1,318,571	D	
Common Shares \$.01 par value	01/10/2005	F		25,608	D	\$14.42	1,292,963	D	
Common Shares \$.01 par value	01/10/2005	М		29,900	A	\$4.61	1,322,863	D	
Common Shares \$.01 par value	01/10/2005	F		9,558	D	\$14.42	1,313,305	D	
Common Shares \$.01 par value	01/10/2005	S		89,750	D	\$14.44	1,223,555	D	

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: 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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee stock option right to buy	\$6.17	01/10/2005		М			59,850	(1)	07/06/2005	Common stock \$.01 par value	59,850	\$6.17	0	D	
Employee stock option right to buy	\$4.61	01/10/2005		М			29,900	(2)	06/06/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	29,900	\$4.61	15,100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options granted on 7/6/95 and became exercisable in one-third increments on each of 12/31/97, 12/31/98 and 12/31/99

2. Options granted on 6/6/97 and became exercisable in 20% increments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant

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01/10/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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