

SOLT RUSSELL  
Form 4  
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**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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SOLT RUSSELL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BIG LOTS INC [BIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/18/2010

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000   | A  | \$ 11.79                          |
| Common Stock                    | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 19.25                          |
| Common Stock                    | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 6,000   | A  | \$ 28.22                          |
| Common Stock                    | 06/18/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 18,000  | D  | \$ 35<br>(1)                      |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Purchase Option                      | \$ 11.79   | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 2,000   | 09/09/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/09/2015                     | Common Stock  | 2,000                      |
| Stock Purchase Option                      | \$ 19.25   | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 09/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/11/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |
| Stock Purchase Option                      | \$ 28.22   | 06/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | 09/10/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/10/2017                     | Common Stock  | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SOLT RUSSELL<br>300 PHILLIPI ROAD<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43228 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, attorney in fact for  
Russell Solt 06/22/2010

\*\*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 value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$35.00 to \$35.08. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (2) The date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.
- (3) The date of the first of three annual vesting dates upon which 20%, 40% and 40%, respectively, of the Stock Purchase Option becomes fully exercisable.

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