

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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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 *
BELSKY JOEL A

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		1,750	A \$ 32.4375	1,750	D	
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		1,250	A \$ 27.3125	3,000	D	
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		2,000	A \$ 28.57	5,000	D	
Common Stock	10/14/2005		S		5,000	D \$ 63.1158	0	D	
							1,281 ⁽¹⁾	I	

Common
Stock

By 401(k)
Plan

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	10/14/2005		M	1,750	03/24/2004 02/25/2010	Common Stock	1,750
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.3125	10/14/2005		M	1,250	08/25/2004 08/25/2010	Common Stock	1,250
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.57	10/14/2005		M	2,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/28/2013	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELSKY JOEL A
C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.
7 WEST SEVENTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joel A. Belsky pursuant to a Power of Attorney

10/18/2005

__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) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of October 14, 2005 by \$64.05, the stock price of such date.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,000 on March 28, 2004 and 1,000 on March 28, 2005.

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