

LAPENTA ROBERT L JR
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 LAPENTA ROBERT L JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP [BCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 V.P.-Chief Accounting Office

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE, 1830 ROUTE 130

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/13/2005

(Street)
 BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value	01/13/2005		M ⁽¹⁾		3,000	A	\$ 15.44
Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value	01/13/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 26.45
Common Stock,					6,758	I	By 401(k) Plan

\$1.00 Par Value
Common Stock,
\$1.00 Par Value

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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 (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
Employee Stock Option	\$ 15.44	01/13/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	3,000	01/24/2003 01/24/2012	Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAPENTA ROBERT L JR
C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY
WAREHOUSE
1830 ROUTE 130
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

V.P.-Chief Accounting
Office

Signatures

/s/ Robert
LaPenta

01/14/2005

Date

Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-6(b).

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