

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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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 *
HOGUET KAREN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2006

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)
 Executive Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		7,000	A	\$ 34.375
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 42.625
Common Stock	03/09/2006		S		22,000	D	\$ 71.2387
Common Stock							971 (1)
						I	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 34.375	03/09/2006		M	7,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/28/2007	Common Stock	7,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 42.625	03/09/2006		M	15,000	<u>(3)</u> 10/30/2007	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOGUET KAREN M C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Executive Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Karen M. Hoguet pursuant to a Power of Attorney 03/10/2006

__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).

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- (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 March 9, 2006 by \$71.29, the stock price of such date.
- (2) Options became exercisable as follows: 1,750 on March 28, 1998, 1,750 on March 28, 1999, 1,750 on March 28, 2000 and 1,750 on March 28, 2001.
- (3) Options became exercisable as follows: 3,750 on October 30, 1998, 3,750 on October 30, 1999, 3,750 on October 30, 2000 and 3,750 on October 30, 2001.

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