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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hartshorn Michael J. Issuer Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ROST] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 5130 HACIENDA DRIVE 03/16/2018 below) below) Group S.V.P., CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DUBLIN, CA 94568** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securionor Dispo (Instr. 3,	esed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	03/16/2018		S	3,361	D	\$ 76.9388 (1)	79,158	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2018		A	6,424 (2)	A	\$ 0	85,582	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2018		F	666	D	\$ 76.75	84,916	D	

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hartshorn Michael J.

5130 HACIENDA DRIVE Group S.V.P., CFO

DUBLIN, CA 94568

Signatures

/s/ Michael 03/20/2018 Hartshorn

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- 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).
- The price reported is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.9301 to \$76.94, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ross Stores, Inc., any security holder of Ross Stores, Inc., and to the staff of the **(1)** Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the numbers of shares sold at each separate price within this price range.
- Shares issued pursuant to settlement of a performance share award under the terms of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares become (2) vested as follows: 1,928 shares vest as of March 16, 2018, 1,927 shares vest as of March 12, 2019, and 2,569 shares vest as of March 13, 2020

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