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| Form 4 February 01, 2013 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | | | | | APPROVAL 3235-0287 | |
| Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b). | Filed pursu | ENT OF CHAN ant to Section 1 | IGES IN I SECUR | BENEFI ITIES Securiti ing Com | CIAL OW es Exchang pany Act o | f 1935 or Sectio | Expires: Estimated a burden hou response | irs per | |
| (Print or Type Respon | ises) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address Montgomery Dirk | Symbol | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| (Last) (F | First) (Mid | | | - | | (Chec | ck all applicable | e) | |
| C/O ASCENA RI INC., 30 DUNNI | (Month/I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2013 | | | Director X Officer (give below) | | 6 Owner er (specify | | |
| (S | Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| SUFFERN, NY 1 | .0901 | | | | | Form filed by M Person | More than One Ro | eporting | |
| (City) (S | State) (Zi | ^{ip)} Tab | le I - Non-De | erivative S | ecurities Ac | quired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | lly Owned | |
| | • | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) 0 | D | | |

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 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and A 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Date Underlying Se Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4 (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title **Option** To \$16.82 01/31/2013 Α 25.000 $01/31/2014^{(2)}$ $01/31/2020^{(2)}$ Common (1) Buy Restricted (1) (3) (4) (4) 01/31/2013 45,000 Α Common Share Units Performance 12,500 (7) (7) (5) 01/31/2013 Α Common Share Units (6)

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Montgomery Dirk A C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901 | | | EVP & CFO | | |
| Signatures | | | | | |
| Mary Beth Riley by Power of | | | | | |

| Mary Beth Riley by Power of | 02/01/2013 | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Attorney | 02/01/2013 | | |

**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).
- Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. (1)
- Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated. (2)
- Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. (3)
- These restricted share units have a 6-year graduated vesting, 10% upon each of the first three annuniversaries, 15% upon the fourth (4) anniversary, 20% upon the fifth anniversary, and 35% upon the sixth year anniversary.
- Each performance share unit ("PSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock. (5)
- These shares of performance shares (PSU's) were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP"). (6)
- The number of PSU's to be received will be based upon the percentage of achievement by Ascena of certain financial performance targets (7)for Ascena's fiscal year 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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