

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 \*  
 WHITTINGTON MARNA C

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)  
 09/30/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

2959 BARLEY MILL ROAD

(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

YORKLAND, DE 19736

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/30/2006		M	348 <sup>(1)</sup> A	\$ 0	15,227 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)**

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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. 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
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	09/30/2006		M	348 (1)	09/30/2006 09/30/2006	Common Stock	348
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	09/30/2006		A	341	09/30/2009 09/30/2009	Common Stock	341
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	09/30/2006		A	340	(5) (5)	Common Stock	340

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITTINGTON MARNA C 2959 BARLEY MILL ROAD YORKLAND, DE 19736		X		

## Signatures

/s/Christopher M. Kelly, as attorney-in-fact for Marna C. Whittington pursuant to a Power of Attorney 10/03/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) The amount of the phantom stock units previously reported was 174 shares, but was adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split that occurred with respect to Issuer's common stock on June 9, 2006. The number reported reflects the 1-for-1 conversion of phantom stock units to shares of common stock of the Issuer.
- (2) Includes 16 shares received September 30, 2006 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's directors compensation program.
- (3) 1-for-1 conversion.
- (4) The price noted is the average of the value of the stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed.

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(5) Units are to be received by reporting person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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