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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ROCHE JOYCE M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Zip)

MAY DEPARTMENT STORES CO [MAY]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

08/30/2005

Officer (give title Other (specify

GIRLS INCORPORATED, 120 WALL STREET, THIRD FLOOR

(State)

(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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transaction	4. Securit		equired (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
		•					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
							Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			α . α	A	or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
~	00/00/00/0		Code V		(D)	Price	•	_	
Common	08/30/2005		D	3,200	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	D	
Common	08/30/2005		M	13,298	A	\$ 0	13,298	D	
						Φ			
Common	08/30/2005		D	13,298	D	39.7606	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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of to 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Comp. Plan Phantom Stock Units	(2)	08/30/2005		M		13,298	08/30/2005	08/30/2005	Common	13,298

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROCHE JOYCE M GIRLS INCORPORATED 120 WALL STREET, THIRD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10005	X					

Signatures

Richard A. Brickson, as attorney-in-fact 08/30/2005

**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).
- Each share of Issuer common stock was disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement among Issuer, Milan Acquisition LLC and (1) Federated Department Stores, Inc. ("Federated") in exchange for \$17.75 and .3115 of a share of Federated common stock. Federated common stock had a market value of \$70.66 per share on the effective date of the merger.
- (2) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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