

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 03/19/02 for the Period Ending 03/18/02

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| Address | 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072 |
| Telephone | 6158554000 |
| CIK | 0000029534 |
| Symbol | DG |
| SIC Code | 5331 - Retail-Variety Stores |
| Industry | Discount Stores |
| Sector | Consumer Cyclical |
| Fiscal Year | 02/02 |

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| Address | 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, Tennessee 37072 |
| Telephone | 615-855-4000 |
| CIK | 0000029534 |
| Industry | Retail (Specialty) |
| Sector | Services |
| Fiscal Year | 01/31 |

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Buffington, Melissa J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 Mission Ridge

(Street)

Goodlettsville, TN 37072-2170

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Dollar General Corporation DG

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

February 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

(Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person

Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity | 3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares | 8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4) | 10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Stock Option/Emp/ Spec/2001-02-26 | \$19.55 | 02/26/01 | A | (A) 16,712 | 08/31/01 02/26/11 | Common Stock 16,712 | | 16,712 | D | |
| Stock Option/Emp/ Spec/2001-01-28 | \$15.94 | 01/28/02 | A | (A) 28,399 | 07/29/02 01/28/12 | Common Stock 28,399 | | 28,399 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Melissa J Buffington

3/18/2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.