

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 10/18/02 for the Period Ending 10/16/02

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

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Washington, DC 20549

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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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

(Print of Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Turner, James S.

(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. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

October 16, 2002

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

Former 10% owner

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable line)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount (A) or (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & Instr.4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
Common Stock		10/16/02	J(1)	V	5,570,501	A(1)		7,877,215	D	
Common Stock		10/16/02	J(1)		22,282,004	D(1)		6,343,780	I	Co-TTEE TCT
Common Stock								1,881,513	I	Co-TTEE ETC TR
Common Stock								1,881,036	I	Co-TTEE LJTD TR
Common Stock								1,531,180	I	Co-TTEE JST TR
Common Stock								1,293,620	I	Co-TTEE HCT TR
Common Stock								300,000	I	TTEE JST Annuity TR
Common Stock								272,779	I	Co-TTEE Dugas TR
Common Stock								56,445	I	By spouse
Common Stock								82	I	Co-EXEC CTS Estate

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 (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action 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) Exer- 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 Follow- ing Trans- action(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) On October 16, 2002, the Turner Children Trust distributed an aggregate of 22,282,004 shares of Dollar General common stock to the beneficiaries of the trust. The reporting person is a co-trustee and one of four beneficiaries of the Turner Children Trust. Therefore, the reporting person is reporting the distribution of 22,282,004 shares by the trust to the beneficiaries, and the receipt of 5,570,501 shares as a result of the reporting person's one-quarter beneficial interest in the trust.

/s/ James S. Turner

10/16/2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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