

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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LANIGAN SUSAN S

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LANIGAN SUSAN S (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 MISSION RIDGE (Street) GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr VP, General Counsel & Sec'y |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/26/2003 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$20.44 | 8/26/2003 | | A | | 25200 | | (1) | 8/26/2013 | Common Stock | 25200 | \$0 | 25200 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 26, 2004.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LANIGAN SUSAN S 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 | | | Sr VP, General Counsel & Sec'y | |

Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan 8/28/2003
**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).

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