

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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KNUCKLES BARBARA

FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 03/15/99 for the Period Ending 01/31/99

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 EXCHANGED COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
[] Form 4 Trans. Rep. Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)	
KNUCKLES	BARBARA	M	Dollar General Corporation (DG)		X Director 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(MI)	3. IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)		Officer Other	
104 Woodmont Blvd., Suite 300			4. Statement for Month/Year		---(give title below) ---(Specify below)	
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
Nashville	TN	37205	01/31/1999		X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			--- 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. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) (D)	Price			
Common Stock						4452	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class securities owned directly or indirectly. SEC 2270 (7-96)
*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

TABLE II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible security)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form (Dir. or Ind.)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)	Date Exbl.	Exp. Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$28.8000					02/23 1999	02/23 2008	Common Stock	2107		2107	D	

Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/BOB CARPENTER

03/15/1999

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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