

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

Reported by
WIRE WILLIAM S

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 09/10/99 for the Period Ending 08/31/99

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

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

WIRE, WILLIAM S.

**104 WOODMONT BLVD., STE 300
NASHVILLE, TN 37205**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION

DG

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

AUGUST 1999

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction		3.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date	Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price			
COMMON STOCK	8/13/99	M	V	27410	A	4.383		D	
COMMON STOCK	8/13/99	S		27410	D	27.00	12787	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction		4.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Date	Code			V	Amount					
OPTION TO PURCHASE	5.3739					1/12/97	1/12/06	COMMON STOCK 11160		11160	D	
OPTION TO PURCHASE	13.4144					3/21/98	3/21/07	COMMON STOCK 4471		4471	D	

OPTION TO PURCHASE	22.7840					2/23/99	2/23/08	COMMON STOCK	2633		2633	D
OPTION TO PURCHASE	22.0504					2/22/00	2/22/09	COMMON STOCK	2721		2721	D
OPTION TO PURCHASE	4.3830	8/13/99	M	V	27410	D	2/1/95	2/1/05	COMMON STOCK	27410	0	D

**Explanation of Responses:
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON**

/S/ BOB CARPENTER FOR W. WIRE
DATE
9/9/99

End of Filing



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