

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
Form 4
May 22, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEVINSON SARA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WOMENS GROUP INC, 733
THIRD AVE 15TH FL

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT
STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/19/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Do
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.47	05/19/2006	A		5,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/19/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LEVINSON SARA C/O WOMENS GROUP INC 733 THIRD AVE 15TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10017	X

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Sara Levinson pursuant to a Power of Attorney 05/22/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Grant to reporting person of options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock under the Issuer's Executive Equity Incentive Plan. The options become exercisable in 25% increments on March 19, 2007, March 19, 2008, March 19, 2009 and March 19, 2010.

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