

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP
 Form 4
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Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
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 Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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|--|---------|----------|---|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
| Wire, II William S. | | | Dollar General Corporation (DG) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | March 13, 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 100 Mission Ridge (Street) | | | | | below) | |
| Goodlettsville, TN 37072 | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filing (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. 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 | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
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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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 4. Transaction 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 (mm/dd/yy) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$10.48 | 03/13/03 | | A | 5,726 | 03/13/04 | 03/13/13 | Common Stock | 5,726 |

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/ Susan S. Lanigan _____

3/17/03

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Attorney-in-Fact

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