

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KOSTER STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP [BCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 V.P.- Sr. Div. Merch. Manager

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BURLINGTON COAT
 FACTORY, 1830 ROUTE 130

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/12/2005

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

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

(Street)

BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 01/12/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 A \$ 16.28 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 01/12/2005 | | S | 5,000 D \$ 25.83 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par | | | | | 727 | I | By 401(k) Plan |

Value

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 (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.28 | 01/12/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 03/20/1999 03/20/2008 | Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KOSTER STEVEN
C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY
1830 ROUTE 130
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

V.P.- Sr. Div. Merch. Manager

Signatures

/s/ Steven
Koster 01/13/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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

(1) Exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-6(b).

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