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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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 *

A Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/04/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Vitamin Shoppe, Inc. [VSI]

(Check all applicable)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O VITAMIN SHOPPE, 2102 91ST STREET

(Street)

_X__ Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

NORTH BERGEN, NJÂ 07047

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

(Instr. 4) Title

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Options to Buy $\hat{A} = \frac{(1)}{12/16/2019} = \frac{Common}{Stock} = 29,916 = \20.92 D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth C/O VITAMIN SHOPPE 2102 91ST STREET NORTH BERGEN, NJÂ 07047

X Â Â Â

Signatures

/s/ James M. Sander, as Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options were granted on December 16, 2009 and vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 16, 2010.

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