

DOLLAR TREE STORES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PHILBIN GARY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DOLLAR TREE STORES INC  
 [DLTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 500 VOLVO PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/14/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                  | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title        | Am or Nu of 3 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 26.73                     | 03/14/2008       | A          | 19,000   |      |   |     |     | 03/14/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/14/2018 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock | 19            |
| Restricted Stock Unit       | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>          | 03/14/2008       | A          | 8,500  |      |   |     |     | 03/14/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/14/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | Common Stock | 8             |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| PHILBIN GARY M<br>500 VOLVO PARKWAY<br>CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320 |               |           | Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Erica Robb, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Philbin  
 Date: 03/18/2008

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) Vests in three approximately equal annual installments, beginning the first anniversary of the award date, subject to continued employment.
- (2) Expires upon termination, with certain grace periods, or ten years after award, whichever is less.
- (3) Convert without cost to shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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