STAGE STORES INC Form 4

April 01, 2005

FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ABRAMCZYK DENNIS

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

(Street)

(State)

10201 MAIN STREET

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STAGE STORES INC [STGS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

EVP, General Merchandise Mgr 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

Securities

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (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

Amou or Numb

> of Shares

> > 4,63

Stock

Options (right to

\$ 38.27 03/30/2005

4,635 A

 $03/30/2008_{\underline{(1)}} \quad 03/30/2012_{\underline{(1)}}$

Common Stock

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ABRAMCZYK DENNIS 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025

EVP, General Merchandise Mgr

Signatures

By: Michael E. McCreery For: Dennis

04/01/2005

Abramczyk

**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).

Absent earlier retirement, permanent disability or death of the reporting person, the right to exercise these options will vest on March 30,

(1) 2008 and will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after termination of employment with the Company, or (ii) seven years from the date of grant.

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