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FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add CARLBORG | - | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | BLUE NILE INC [NILE] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | •• | | | |
| C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 411 FIRST AVENUE S., SUITE 700 | | 11 FIRST | (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2011 | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) X. Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |

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| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | | M | 4,687 | A | \$ 20.22 | 5,687 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | | S | 4,687 | D | \$ 58.5 | 1,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | | M | 4,000 | A | \$ 30.18 | 5,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | | S | 4,000 | D | \$ 58.5 | 1,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | | M | 2,000 | A | \$ 31.74 | 3,000 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 58.5 1,000 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | M | 6,334 | A | \$ 28.81 7,334 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2011 | S | 6,334 | D | \$ 58.5 1,000 | D |

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. Transactic 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 (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.22 | 05/02/2011 | 05/02/2011 | M | 4,687 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/01/2019 | Common Stock | 4,687 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.18 | 05/02/2011 | 05/02/2011 | M | 4,000 | (3) | 05/23/2016 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.74 | 05/02/2011 | 05/02/2011 | M | 2,000 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/23/2015 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.81 | 05/02/2011 | 05/02/2011 | M | 6,334 | <u>(5)</u> | 02/01/2015 | Common Stock | 6,334 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLBORG W ERIC C/O BLUE NILE, INC. 411 FIRST AVENUE S., SUITE 700 SEATTLE, WA 98104



Signatures

/s/ Lauren Neiswender, Power of Attorney

05/04/2011

**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) One-forty eighth of the shares vest monthly beginning February 2, 2009.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) One-twelfth of the shares vest monthly beginning May 24, 2006.
- (4) One-twelfth of the shares vest monthly beginning May 24, 2005.
- One-thirtieth of the shares vest monthly for twelve months beginning February 2, 2005, and one-sixtieth of the option shares vest monthly over the following thirty-six months.

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