BIG LOTS INC Form 4 March 11, 2008

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

03/07/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Rankin Norm	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIG LOTS INC [BIG]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (M	(iddle) 3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction		• •				
300 PHILLI	`	(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2008			Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) Senior Vice President					
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
COLUMBU	S, OH 43228	Filed(Mon	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ 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)	Code	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

Code V Amount

7,500

A

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

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

D

I

15,000

1,450

or

(D)

A

Price

\$0

By 401(k)

Plan (1)

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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 orDerivative 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 Purchase Option	\$ 21.06	03/07/2008		A	22,500	(2)	03/07/2015	Common Stock	22,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rankin Norman John 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Chadwick P. Reynolds, attorney in fact for Norman John Rankin

03/11/2008

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated March 7, 2008.
- (2) The stock purchase option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009.

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