BIG LOTS INC Form 8-K September 12, 2003

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 12, 2003

BIG LOTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-8897 06-1119097 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Phillipi Road, P.O. Box 28512, Columbus, Ohio 43228-5311

(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant.

Not applicable

Item 2.

Acquisition or

Disposition of

Assets. Not

applicable Item 3.

Bankruptcy or

Receivership. Not

applicable Item 4.

Changes in

Registrant s

Certifying

Accountant. Not

applicable Item 5.

Other Events

and

Regulation FD

Disclosure.

The Board of

Directors of

Big Lots, Inc.

(the Registrant)

has approved

revisions to the

Registrant s

Insider Trading

Policy to

permit its

officers,

directors and

other insiders

to enter into

trading plans or

arrangements

for systematic

trading in the

Registrant s

securities

pursuant to

Rule 10b5-1

under the

Securities

Exchange Act

of 1934. The

Registrant has

been advised

that Brad A.

Waite and Kent

A. Larsson,

both Executive

Vice Presidents

of the

Registrant,

have entered

into written

trading plans

for selling

shares in the

Registrant s

securities.

Their

respective

plans provide

for trading in

the Registrant s

stock and

options

according to

individual

formulas as

required under

the Securities

and Exchange

Commission s

rules, which

formulas

include

meruac

quantities,

pricing points,

dates and other

variables. The

Registrant

anticipates that,

as permitted by

Rule 10b5-1

and the

Registrant s

Insider Trading

Policy, some or

all of its

officers.

directors and

other insiders

may establish

similar trading

plans at some

date in the

future. Item 6.

Resignations of

Registrant s

Directors. Not

applicable Item 7.

Financial

Statements and

Exhibits. Not

applicable Item 8.

Change in

Fiscal

Year. Not

applicable Item 9.

Regulation FD

Disclosure. Not

applicable Item 10.

Amendments

to the

Registrant s

Code of Ethics,

or Waiver of a

Provision of

the Code of

Ethics. Not

applicable Item 11.

Temporary

Suspension of

Trading Under

Registrant s

Employee

Benefit

Plans. Not

applicable Item 12.

Results of

Operations and

Financial

Condition. Not

applicable

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BIG LOTS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey G. Naylor

Jeffrey G. Naylor Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 12, 2003