

MARTIN JOHN CHARLES  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MARTIN JOHN CHARLES

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) (Middle)  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/05/2010		A		15,000	A	\$ 0 95,515 D
Common Stock	03/05/2010		M		5,375	A	\$ 12.66 100,890 D
Common Stock	03/05/2010		S		5,375	D	\$ 36 (1) 95,515 D
Common Stock	03/08/2010		M		9,375	A	\$ 21.06 104,890 D
Common Stock	03/08/2010		M		9,375	A	\$ 17.47 114,265 D

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Common Stock	03/08/2010	S	18,750	D	\$ 36.02 (2)	95,515	D	
Common Stock						451	I	By 401 (k) Plan (3)

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. Transaction 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 35.92	03/05/2010		A	40,000	(4)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 12.66	03/05/2010		M	5,375	02/24/2010(5)	02/24/2013	Common Stock	5,375
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 21.06	03/08/2010		M	9,375	(6)	03/07/2015	Common Stock	9,375
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 17.47	03/08/2010		M	9,375	(7)	03/06/2016	Common Stock	9,375

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MARTIN JOHN CHARLES 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	Executive Vice President

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, attorney in fact for John Charles  
Martin

03/09/2010

\_\_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) The value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$36.00 to \$36.01. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) The value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$36.00 to \$36.10. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (3) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated February 25, 2010.
  - (4) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2011.
  - (5) The date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.
  - (6) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009.
  - (7) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.

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