

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP  
 Form 5  
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**Form 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
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Form 3 Holdings  
 Reported

Form 4  
 Transactions  
 Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Bowles Barbara L.			Dollar General Corporation (DG)		[X] Director <input type="checkbox"/>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year	[ ] 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	[ ] Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/>
				January 31, 2003		
100 Mission Ridge (Street)					below)	
Goodlettsville			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
TN					[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount (A) or Price (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at the end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.37	03/18/02		A	3,904	03/18/03 03/18/12	Common Stock	3,904

Explanation of Responses:

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).                      **/s/ Barbara L. Bowles**                      3/14/03

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

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