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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOLT RUSSELL			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)
300 PHILLIPI	ROAD		(Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2012	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
COLUMBUS,	ОН 43228		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	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		*	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Woldin Day Tear)	any	Code	(Instr. 3,		` ′	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A)		Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/06/2012		M	4,000	A	\$ 28.22	15,192	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2012		S	6,425	D	\$ 43.57 (1)	8,767	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 Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 28.22	03/06/2012		M	4,000	09/10/2010(2)	10/10/2017	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SOLT RUSSELL 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	X						

Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Russell Solt

03/08/2012

**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).
- 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 \$43.30 to \$44.03. 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 date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.

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