

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â WALSH MELISSA  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY,Â 1830 ROUTE 130  (Street)  BURLINGTON,Â NJÂ 08016  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP [BCF]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) V.P. - Div. Merch. Manager	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value	487	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/24/2003	01/24/2012	Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value per Share	2,000	\$ 15.44	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/23/2005	09/22/2014	Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value per Share	1,800	\$ 26	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
WALSH MELISSA C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY 1830 ROUTE 130 BURLINGTON, NJ 08016	Â	Â	Â V.P. - Div. Merch. Manager	Â	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa Walsh 11/12/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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