

ELLIS DIANE MARIE

Form 4

June 11, 2018

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 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 *
 ELLIS DIANE MARIE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
 STAGE STORES INC [SSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/07/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

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)
Common Stock	06/07/2018		A	(A) or (D) Amount 35,211 (1) Price \$ 0	117,406	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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIS DIANE MARIE 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77027	X			

Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Diane Marie Ellis

06/11/2018

 **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).

On June 7, 2018 (Grant Date) the reporting person was granted shares of restricted common stock valued at \$99,999.24 based on the

- (1) closing price of the Issuer's common stock on that date. These shares will vest, on a cliff basis, on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the Grant Date or (ii) the date of the first annual meeting of the Company's shareholders following the Grant Date.

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