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## FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 1, 2007

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-5742

## RITE AID CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**30 Hunter Lane,**

**Camp Hill, Pennsylvania**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**23-1614034**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**17011**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(717) 761-2633**.

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report): **Not Applicable**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See the definition of Accelerated Filer and Large Accelerated Filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

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The registrant had 795,128,705 shares of its \$1.00 par value common stock outstanding as of October 5, 2007.

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**RITE AID CORPORATION**

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This report, as well as our other public filings or public statements, includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are identified by terms and phrases such as anticipate, believe, intend, estimate, expect, continue, should, could, may, plan, project, predict, will and similar expressions and include references and relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- our high level of indebtedness;
- our ability to make interest and principal payments on our debt and satisfy the other covenants contained in our senior secured credit facility and other debt agreements;
- our ability to improve the operating performance of our existing stores in accordance with our long term strategy;
- our ability to realize the benefits of the Brooks Eckerd acquisition;
- our ability to hire and retain pharmacists and other store personnel;
- our ability to open or relocate stores according to our real estate development program;
- the efforts of private and public third party payors to reduce prescription drug reimbursement and encourage mail order;
- competitive pricing pressures and continued consolidation of the drugstore industry;
- changes in state or federal legislation or regulations;
- the outcome of lawsuits and governmental investigations;
- general economic conditions and inflation, interest rate movements and access to capital; and
- other risks and uncertainties described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( the SEC ).

We undertake no obligation to update or revise the forward-looking statements included in this report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this report. Our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences are discussed in the section entitled Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 3, 2007 ( the Fiscal 2007 10-K ), which we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on April 30, 2007. This document is available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****RITE AID CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)**

	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>March 3, 2007</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 170,332	\$ 106,148
Accounts receivable, net	788,718	374,493
Inventories, net	3,992,427	2,335,679
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	167,203	136,668
Total current assets	5,118,680	2,952,988
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,911,391	1,743,104
Goodwill	1,575,924	656,037
Other intangibles, net	1,233,305	178,220
Deferred tax assets	1,186,256	1,380,942
Other assets	240,571	179,733
Total assets	\$ 12,266,127	\$ 7,091,024
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease financing obligations	\$ 22,267	\$ 16,184
Accounts payable	1,638,674	902,807
Accrued salaries, wages and other current liabilities	1,093,136	670,934
Total current liabilities	2,754,077	1,589,925
Long-term debt, less current maturities	5,519,777	2,909,983
Lease financing obligations, less current maturities	160,006	174,121
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,092,852	754,149
Total liabilities	9,526,712	5,428,178
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock - series E, par value \$1 per share, liquidation value \$50 per share; 2,500 shares authorized; shares issued 2,500	120,000	120,000
Preferred stock - series G, par value \$1 per share, liquidation value \$100 per share; 2,000 shares authorized; shares issued 1,345 and 1,299	134,504	129,917
Preferred stock - series H, par value \$1 per share, liquidation value \$100 per share; 2,000 shares authorized; shares issued 1,312 and 1,274	131,235	127,385
Preferred stock - series I, par value \$1 per share, liquidation value \$25 per share; 5,200 shares authorized; shares issued 4,820	116,415	116,415
Common stock, par value \$1 per share; 1,500,000 authorized; shares issued and outstanding 795,430 and 536,686	795,430	536,686
Additional paid-in capital	3,965,143	3,118,299
Accumulated deficit	(2,500,250)	(2,462,197)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(23,062)	(23,659)
Total stockholders' equity	2,739,415	1,662,846
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 12,266,127	\$ 7,091,024

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**RITE AID CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended</b>	<b>September 2,</b>
	<b>September 1,</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Revenues	\$ 6,599,205	\$ 4,288,356
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of goods sold	4,802,881	3,137,321
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,750,881	1,082,102
Store closing and impairment charges	16,587	6,446
Interest expense	123,250	68,185
Acquisition related financing commitment charge	12,900	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets and investments, net	1,651	(2,146 )
	6,708,150	4,291,908
Loss before income taxes	(108,945 )	(3,552 )
Income tax benefit	(39,347 )	(3,222 )
Net loss	\$ (69,598 )	\$ (330 )
Computation of loss attributable to common stockholders:		
Net loss	\$ (69,598 )	\$ (330 )
Accretion of redeemable preferred stock	(26 )	(26 )
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	(8,097 )	(7,830 )
Preferred stock beneficial conversion	(480 )	
Loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (78,201 )	\$ (8,186 )
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.10 )	\$ (0.02 )

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	Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007	September 2, 2006
Revenues	\$ 11,057,015	\$ 8,625,442
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of goods sold	8,038,010	6,290,407
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,878,668	2,167,699
Store closing and impairment charges	20,617	19,034
Interest expense	191,975	137,519
Acquisition related financing commitment charge	12,900	
Gain on sale of assets and investments, net	(2,579 )	(1,355 )
	11,139,591	8,613,304
(Loss) income before income taxes	(82,576 )	12,138
Income tax (benefit) expense	(40,612 )	1,513
Net (loss) income	\$ (41,964 )	\$ 10,625
Computation of loss attributable to common stockholders:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (41,964 )	\$ 10,625
Accretion of redeemable preferred stock	(51 )	(51 )
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	(16,127 )	(15,597 )
Preferred stock beneficial conversion	(556 )	
Loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (58,698 )	\$ (5,023 )
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.09 )	\$ (0.01 )

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**RITE AID CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007	September 2, 2006
Operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (41,964 )	\$ 10,625
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	200,411	133,420
Store closing and impairment charges	20,617	19,034
LIFO charges	25,332	17,892
Gain on sale of assets and investments, net	(2,579 )	(1,355 )
Stock-based compensation expense	18,574	8,606
Acquisition related financing commitment charge	12,900	
Changes in deferred taxes	(39,002 )	4,234
Proceeds from insured loss	8,550	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net repayments to accounts receivable securitization	(60,000 )	(5,000 )
Proceeds from the sale of inventory	8,156	
Accounts receivable	56,590	7,293
Inventories	(256,035 )	(100,776 )
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1,803 )	1,329
Other assets	(418 )	1,490
Income taxes receivable/payable	(11,518 )	(6,024 )
Accounts payable	75,324	76,882
Other liabilities	33,517	(29,710 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	46,652	137,940
Investing activities:		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(279,686 )	(137,194 )
Intangible assets acquired	(29,710 )	(17,781 )
Acquisition of Jean Coutu USA, net of cash acquired	(2,356,578 )	
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions	10,550	31,480
Proceeds from dispositions of assets and investments	13,108	5,166
Proceeds from insured loss	5,950	
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,636,366 )	(118,329 )
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	2,306,005	
Net proceeds from revolver	303,000	1,000
Proceeds from financing secured by owned property		11,072
Principal payments on long-term debt	(7,209 )	(5,170 )
Change in zero balance cash accounts	100,617	(875 )
Excess tax deduction on stock options	5,522	111
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	11,848	2,506
Payments for preferred stock dividends	(7,690 )	(7,690 )
Financing costs paid	(58,195 )	
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,653,898	954
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	64,184	20,565
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	106,148	76,067
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 170,332	\$ 96,632
Supplementary cash flow data:		
Cash paid for interest (net of capitalized amounts of \$904 and \$568, respectively)	\$ 103,879	\$ 126,154
Cash payments of income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 2,272	\$ 1,737
Equipment financed under capital leases	\$ 4,231	\$ 5,245
Equipment received for noncash consideration	\$ 290	\$ 3,111
Reduction in lease financing obligation	\$ 27,543	\$ 2,976
Preferred stock dividends paid in additional shares	\$ 8,437	\$ 7,907

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.





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**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and therefore do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete annual financial statements. The accompanying financial information reflects all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. The results of operations for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Fiscal 2007 10-K.

**2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48) Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. The interpretation establishes criteria for recognizing and measuring the financial statement tax effects of positions taken on a company's tax returns. A two-step process is prescribed whereby the threshold for recognition is a more-likely-than-not test that the tax position will be sustained upon examination, based on the technical merits of the position. If it is determined that a tax position should be recognized, then the tax position is measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company adopted FIN 48 on March 4, 2007.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This standard establishes a standard definition for fair value, establishes a framework under generally accepted accounting principles for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. This standard is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company has not yet assessed the impact, if any, of adopting SFAS No. 157.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115. SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS No. 159 does not affect any existing accounting literature that requires certain assets and liabilities to be carried at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The company has not yet assessed the impact, if any, of adopting SFAS No. 159.

**3. Acquisition**

On June 4, 2007, the Company acquired all of the membership interests of JCG (PJC) USA, LLC (Jean Coudu USA) from Jean Coudu Group (PJC) Inc. (Jean Coudu Group), pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) dated August 23, 2006. Jean Coudu USA, which was a

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wholly owned subsidiary of the Jean Coutu Group, consisted of 1,854 stores operating under the Brooks and Eckerd banners and six distribution centers. These stores and distribution centers are located in 18 states, primarily on the East Coast and in the Mid-Atlantic region. As a condition of the acquisition of Jean Coutu USA, the Company was required by the Federal Trade Commission ( FTC ) to divest of 23 stores. The Company's acquisition of Jean Coutu USA created the largest drugstore chain on the east coast, which the Company believes will significantly strengthen the Company's position as the third largest national drugstore chain. The Company's management believes that the acquisition of Jean Coutu USA will provide the Company with the scale to more effectively compete with its major drugstore rivals and will enable the Company to achieve significant cost efficiencies in the areas of merchandising, purchasing, advertising and distribution, as well as administrative expenses.

As consideration for the acquisition of Jean Coutu USA (the Acquisition ), the Company paid \$2,358,241, including a preliminary working capital adjustment of \$58,241, and issued 250,000 shares of Rite Aid common stock. The Company financed the cash payment via the establishment of a new term loan facility, issuance of senior notes and borrowings under its existing revolving credit facility. The consideration associated with the common stock was \$1,090,000 based on a stock price of \$4.36 per share, representing the average closing price of Rite Aid common stock beginning two days prior to the announcement of the Acquisition on August 24, 2006 and ending two days after the announcement. The working capital adjustment has not yet been finalized and therefore the final purchase price of the Acquisition could change.

The shares of Rite Aid common stock issued to Jean Coutu Group in the Acquisition represent approximately 30.2% of the total Rite Aid voting power. The Company expanded its Board of Directors to 14 members, with four of the seats being held by members designated by the Jean Coutu Group. In connection with the Acquisition, the Company entered into a Stockholder Agreement (the Stockholder Agreement ) with Jean Coutu Group and certain Coutu family members. The Stockholder Agreement contains provisions relating to Jean Coutu Group's ownership interest in the Company, board and board committee composition, corporate governance, stock ownership, stock purchase rights, transfer restrictions, voting arrangements and other matters. The Company and Jean Coutu Group also entered into a Registrations Rights Agreement giving Jean Coutu Group certain rights with respect to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of the shares of Rite Aid common stock issued to Jean Coutu Group or acquired by Jean Coutu Group pursuant to certain stock purchase rights or open market rights under the Stockholder Agreement.

The Company's consolidated financial statements for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 include Jean Coutu USA results of operations for the thirteen week period ended September 1, 2007. The Company's financial statements reflect preliminary purchase accounting adjustments in accordance with SFAS No. 141 Business Combinations , whereby the purchase price was preliminarily allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their estimated fair values on the acquisition date.

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The following allocation of the purchase price and the estimated transaction costs is preliminary and is based on information available to the Company's management at the time the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Accordingly, the allocation is expected to change and the impact of such changes may be material.

<b><i>Preliminary purchase price</i></b>	
Cash consideration	\$ 2,358,241
Stock consideration	1,090,000
Capitalized acquisition costs	42,547
Total	\$ 3,490,788
<b><i>Preliminary purchase price allocation</i></b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,868
Accounts receivable	437,074
Inventories	1,422,720
Other current assets	63,481
Total current assets	1,949,143
Property and equipment(1)	1,100,949
Intangible assets(2)	1,089,019
Goodwill	919,887
Other assets	3,667
Total assets acquired	5,062,665
Accounts payable	561,369
Other current liabilities(3)	468,338
Total current liabilities	1,029,707
Other long term liabilities(4)	542,170
Total liabilities assumed	1,571,877
<b><i>Net assets acquired</i></b>	<b>\$ 3,490,788</b>

(1) Property, plant and equipment is recorded at estimated fair value, as determined by management based on available information including a preliminary valuation prepared by an independent third party.

(2) Intangible assets are recorded at estimated fair value, as determined by management based on available information including a preliminary valuation prepared by an independent third party. Included in intangible assets are prescription file intangibles of \$619,100 and intangible assets for operating leases with favorable market terms of \$469,900.

(3) Included in accrued liabilities is an accrual for severance payments to associates of Jean Coutu USA who were involuntarily terminated of \$11,137. Also included in other current liabilities is a deferred tax liability of \$79,635.

(4) Included in other long-term liabilities is an accrual of \$30,810 to reserve for the remaining lease liability on stores of Jean Coutu USA that the Company entered into a formal plan to close. Also

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included in other long-term liabilities is an intangible liability of \$141,500 for operating leases with unfavorable market terms and a deferred tax liability of \$175,713.

In connection with the Acquisition, the Company has entered into a transition services agreement with the Jean Coutu Group. Under the terms of this agreement, Jean Coutu Group will provide certain information technology, network and support services to the Company. Jean Coutu Group must provide these services to the Company for a minimum period of nine months following the closing date of the Acquisition. The Company has the option to extend the term of the agreement for up to three additional three-month periods. During the thirteen week period ended September 1, 2007, the Company recorded expense of \$1,790 for services provided under this agreement.

The following *unaudited* pro forma consolidated financial data gives effect to the Acquisition as if it had occurred as of the beginning of the periods presented.

	<b>Thirteen week Periods Ended September 1, 2007 Actual</b>		<b>Twenty-Six week Periods Ended September 1, 2007 Pro forma</b>		<b>September 2, 2006 Pro forma</b>			
Net revenues	\$	6,599,205	\$	6,636,615	\$	13,449,805	\$	13,401,883
Net loss		(69,598 )		(52,338 )		(99,498 )		(72,762 )
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$	(0.10 )	\$	(0.07 )	\$	(0.13 )	\$	(0.09 )

The pro forma information for the thirteen weeks ended September 1, 2007 is identical to the actual results reported by the Company as Jean Coutu USA results were included in the consolidated operations of the Company for the entire period.

The pro forma combined information assumes the acquisition of Jean Coutu USA occurred at the beginning of each period presented. These results have been prepared by combining the historical results of the Company and historical results of Jean Coutu USA. The pro forma financial data for all periods presented include adjustments to reflect the incremental interest expense that results from the incurrence of the additional debt to finance the acquisition and additional depreciation and amortization expense resulting from the preliminary purchase price allocation described above. The pro forma information for the twenty-six weeks ended September 1, 2007 includes charges of \$63,266 resulting from the integration of the Jean Coutu USA stores. Pro forma results do not include any incremental cost savings that may result from the integration. Additionally, pro forma results have not been adjusted to reflect the divestiture of stores required by the FTC.

The pro forma information does not purport to be indicative of the results that actually would have been achieved if the operations were combined during the periods presented and is not intended to be a projection of future results or trends.

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Basic loss per share is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted loss per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the income of the Company subject to anti-dilution limitations.

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
<b>Numerator for loss per share:</b>				
Net (loss) income	\$ (69,598 )	\$ (330 )	\$ (41,964 )	\$ 10,625
Accretion of redeemable preferred stock	(26 )	(26 )	(51 )	(51 )
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	(8,097 )	(7,830 )	(16,127 )	(15,597 )
Preferred stock beneficial conversion	(480 )		(556 )	
Loss attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	\$ (78,201 )	\$ (8,186 )	\$ (58,698 )	\$ (5,023 )
<b>Denominator:</b>				
Basic and diluted weighted average shares	781,805	523,373	656,422	522,751
Basic and diluted loss per share:	\$ (0.10 )	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.09 )	\$ (0.01 )

Due to their antidilutive effect, the following potential common shares have been excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share:

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
Stock options	66,262	67,388	66,262	67,388
Convertible preferred stock	96,754	100,904	96,754	100,904
Convertible debt		38,462		38,462
	163,016	206,754	163,016	206,754

**5. Store Closing and Impairment Charges**

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Store closing and impairment charges consist of:

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
Impairment charges	\$ 582	\$ 98	\$ 2,326	\$ 11,392
Store and equipment lease exit charges	16,005	6,348	18,291	7,642
	\$ 16,587	\$ 6,446	\$ 20,617	\$ 19,034

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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***Impairment charges***

Impairment charges include non-cash charges of \$582 and \$98 for the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, for the impairment of long-lived assets at eight and three stores, respectively. Impairment charges include non-cash charges of \$2,326 and \$11,392 for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, for the impairment of long-lived assets at 23 and 19 stores, respectively. These amounts include the write-down of long-lived assets at stores that were assessed for impairment because of management's intention to relocate or close the store.

***Store and equipment lease exit charges***



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During the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, the Company recorded charges for nine and 13 stores to be closed or relocated under long term leases in each respective period. During the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, the Company recorded charges for 20 and 18 stores to be closed or relocated under long term leases in each respective period. Charges to close a store, which principally consist of lease termination costs, are recorded at the time the store is closed and all inventory is liquidated, pursuant to the guidance set forth in SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities . The Company calculates its liability for closed stores on a store-by-store basis. The calculation includes the discounted effect of future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs, from the date of closure to the end of the remaining lease term, net of estimated cost recoveries that may be achieved through subletting properties or through favorable lease terminations. The Company evaluates these assumptions each quarter and adjusts the liability accordingly.

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The following table reflects the closed store charges that relate to new closures, changes in assumptions and interest accretion. The table for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 also reflects the increase in the closed store reserve related to the acquisition of the existing closed store portfolio from Jean Coutu USA as well as the additional liability related to stores that Company management plans to close as a result of the acquisition. These liabilities represent the estimated fair value of the respective store lease commitments as of the date of the acquisition and are therefore recorded as part of allocation of the purchase price of Jean Coutu USA.

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>		<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	
	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
Balance beginning of period	\$ 189,113	\$ 203,771	\$ 195,205	\$ 208,455
Provision for present value of noncancellable lease payments of closed stores	5,362	3,138	11,368	7,438
Changes in assumptions about future sublease income, terminations and changes in interest rates	6,738	939	1,142	(4,180 )
Interest accretion	3,955	2,410	6,135	4,849
Leased properties of Jean Coutu USA closed or designated to be closed	136,172		136,172	
Cash payments, net of sublease income	(15,090 )	(8,556 )	(23,772 )	(14,860 )
Balance end of period	\$ 326,250	\$ 201,702	\$ 326,250	\$ 201,702

The Company's revenues and income before income taxes for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 include results from stores that have been closed as of September 1, 2007. The revenue and operating losses of these stores for the periods are presented as follows:

	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>		<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended September 1, 2007</b>	
	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
Revenues	\$ 31,071	\$ 55,548	\$ 71,909	\$ 121,073
Loss from operations	(2,546 )	(2,140 )	(5,651 )	(3,268 )

Included in these stores' loss from operations for the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, are depreciation and amortization charges of \$114 and \$427 and closed store inventory liquidation charges of \$1,446 and \$2,126, respectively. Included in these stores' loss from operations for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, are depreciation and amortization charges of \$387 and \$925 and closed store inventory liquidation charges of \$2,647 and \$3,652, respectively. Loss from operations does not include any allocation of corporate level overhead costs. The above results are not necessarily indicative of the impact that these closures will have.

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on revenues and operating results of the Company in the future, as the Company often transfers the business of a closed store to another Company store, thereby retaining a portion of these revenues.

**6. Income Taxes**

The Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$39,347 and \$3,222 for the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 respectively, and income tax benefit of \$40,612 and income tax expense of \$1,513 for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, respectively. The provision for income taxes for the twenty-six week period ended September 1, 2007 was net of a benefit of \$6,981 for the increase in deferred tax assets as a result of enacted state tax legislation as well as a net benefit of \$1,767 for discrete items related to the recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits. The discrete items associated with the previously unrecognized tax benefits included tax of \$2,100 and related interest of \$1,700 due to expiration of certain state statutes. The provision for income taxes for the twenty-six week period ended September 2, 2006 was net of a reduction of a liability for state taxes of \$6,337. The Company's net deferred tax assets have decreased as a result of the acquisition of Jean Coutu USA.

Effective March 4, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48. As of March 4, 2007, unrecognized tax benefits totaled \$37,186. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company's tax contingencies decreased \$6,636, and after the deferred tax impact of \$2,170, the net effect was accounted for as an increase to retained earnings of \$4,466. The decrease in unrecognized tax benefits would have decreased income tax expense in prior periods. To the extent the remaining unrecognized tax benefits are ultimately recognized, they will impact the effective tax rate in a future period. While it is expected that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change in the next twelve months, management does not expect the change to have a significant impact on the results of operations or the financial position of the Company.

A preliminary liability of \$23,650 was established for Jean Coutu USA for uncertain tax positions. In subsequent periods, any income tax adjustments related to pre-acquisition tax periods will result in adjustments to assets and liabilities acquired in connection with the Acquisition.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to tax contingencies as income tax expense. Prior to the adoption of FIN 48, the Company included interest as income tax expense and penalties as an operating expense. As of September 1, 2007 and March 4, 2007, the total amount of accrued income tax-related interest and penalties was \$15,148 and \$14,182, respectively.

The Company files U.S. federal income tax returns as well as income tax returns in those states where it does business. The federal income tax returns are closed to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) through fiscal 2002. However, any net operating losses that were generated in these prior closed years may be subject to examination by the IRS upon utilization. The IRS is currently examining the consolidated U.S. income tax return for Jean Coutu USA for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. State income tax returns are generally subject to examination for a period of three to five years after filing of the respective return. However, as a result of reporting IRS audit adjustments, the Company has statutes open in some states from fiscal 1996.

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In addition to unrecognized tax benefits, the Company has valuation allowances related to tax benefits in certain jurisdictions arising primarily from state net operating loss carryforwards and federal capital loss carryforwards. On an ongoing basis, the Company reassesses the need for such valuation allowances based on recent operating results, its assessment of the likelihood of future taxable income and developments in relevant tax jurisdictions. The Company had a valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets of \$239,836 at March 3, 2007.

**7. Accounts Receivable**

The Company maintains securitization agreements with several multi-seller asset-backed commercial paper vehicles ( CPVs ). Under the terms of the securitization agreements, the Company sells substantially all of its eligible third party pharmaceutical receivables to a bankruptcy remote Special Purpose Entity (SPE) and retains servicing responsibility. The assets of the SPE are not available to satisfy the creditors of any other person, including any of the Company s affiliates. These agreements provide for the Company to sell, and for the SPE to purchase these receivables. The SPE then transfers an interest in these receivables to various CPVs. Transferred outstanding receivables during the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 could not exceed \$400,000.

The amount of transferred receivables outstanding at any one time is dependent upon a formula that takes into account such factors as default history, obligor concentrations and potential dilution ( Securitization Formula ). Adjustments to this amount can occur on a weekly basis. At September 1, 2007 and March 3, 2007, the total outstanding receivables that have been transferred to CPVs were \$290,000 and \$350,000, respectively. The average amount of outstanding receivables transferred during the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 was \$317,527 and \$331,593, respectively. Total receivable transfers for both the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 totaled approximately \$1,151,000. Collections made by the Company as part of the servicing agreements on behalf of the CPVs, for the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 totaled approximately \$1,241,000 and \$1,171,000, respectively. The average amount of outstanding receivables transferred during the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 was \$338,516 and \$327,308, respectively. Total receivable transfers for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 totaled approximately \$2,441,000 and \$2,231,000, respectively. Collections made by the Company as part of the servicing agreements on behalf of the CPVs, for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 totaled approximately \$2,501,000 and \$2,236,000, respectively. At September 1, 2007 and March 3, 2007, the Company retained an interest in the eligible third party pharmaceutical receivables not transferred to the CPVs of \$210,000 and \$255,057, respectively, inclusive of the allowance for uncollectible accounts, which was included in accounts receivable, net, on the consolidated balance sheet at allocated cost, which approximates fair value.

During the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, the Company was subject to an ongoing program fee of LIBOR plus 1.125% on the amount transferred to the CPVs under the securitization agreements and had to pay a liquidity fee of 0.375% on the daily unused amount under the securitization agreements. The program and the liquidity fees are recorded as a

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component of selling, general and administrative expenses. Program and liquidity fees for the thirteen week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 were \$5,107 and \$5,424 respectively. Program and liquidity fees for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 were \$10,979 and \$10,428 respectively. Rite Aid Corporation guarantees certain performance obligations of its affiliates under the securitization agreements, which includes the continued servicing of such receivables, but does not guarantee the collectibility of the receivables and obligor creditworthiness. The CPVs have a commitment to purchase that ends September 2008 with the option to annually extend the commitment to purchase. Should any of the CPVs fail to renew their commitment under these securitization agreements, the Company has access to a backstop credit facility, which is backed by the CPVs and which expires in September 2010, to provide liquidity to the Company.

On September 18, 2007, the Company amended its securitization agreements. As a result of this amendment the total amount of interest in receivables that can be transferred to the CPV was increased to \$650,000. Also the ongoing program fee is LIBOR plus 1.00% and the liquidity fee is .25%. The CPV's commitment to purchase has been extended to September 2008 and the backstop credit facility availability has been extended to September 2010. The Company paid a one time fee of \$900 to secure this amendment.

Proceeds from the collections under the receivables securitization agreements are submitted to an independent trustee on a daily basis. The trustee withholds any cash necessary to (1) fund amounts owed to the CPVs as a result of such collections and, (2) fund the CPVs when the Securitization Formula indicates a lesser amount of outstanding receivables transferred is warranted. The remaining collections are swept to the Company's corporate concentration account. At September 1, 2007 and March 3, 2007, the Company had \$2,579 and \$3,000 of cash respectively that is restricted for the payment of trustee fees.

The Company has determined that the transactions meet the criteria for sales treatment in accordance with SFAS No. 140 Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities. Additionally, the Company has determined that it does not hold a variable interest in the CPVs, pursuant to the guidance in FIN 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, and therefore has determined that the de-recognition of the transferred receivables is appropriate.

**8. Sale Leaseback Transactions**

During the twenty-six week period ended September 1, 2007, the Company sold a total of three owned properties to independent third parties. Net proceeds from these sales were \$10,550. Concurrent with these sales, the Company entered into agreements to lease the stores back from the purchasers over minimum lease terms of 20 years. The Company accounted for all of these leases as operating leases. A gain on the sale of these stores of \$1,490 was deferred and is being recorded over the minimum term of these leases.

During the twenty-six week period ended September 2, 2006, the Company sold the land and buildings on 16 owned properties to independent third parties. Net proceeds from the sale were \$42,552. Concurrent with these sales, the Company entered into agreements to lease these stores back from the purchasers over minimum lease terms of 20 years. The Company is accounting for 12 of these leases as operating leases. A

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gain of \$2,072 was deferred and is being recorded over the minimum lease term. The remaining four leases were originally accounted for using the financing method, as the lease agreements contained a clause that allowed the buyer to force the Company to repurchase the properties under certain conditions. Subsequent to September 2, 2006, the clause that allowed the buyer to force the Company to repurchase the properties lapsed on three of the four leases. Therefore, these leases are now accounted for as operating leases. The Company recorded a capital lease obligation of \$3,029 related to the remaining lease.

**9. Goodwill and Other Intangibles**

The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment on an annual basis at the end of its fiscal year. The increase in goodwill as of September 1, 2007 is a result of the acquisition of Jean Coudu USA. Intangible assets other than goodwill are finite-lived and amortized over their useful lives. Following is a summary of the Company's amortizable intangible assets as of September 1, 2007 and March 3, 2007.

	September 1, 2007			March 3, 2007		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period
Favorable leases and other	\$ 774,155	\$ (220,317 )	9 years	\$ 297,679	\$ (199,414 )	10 years
Prescription files	1,066,437	(386,970 )	9 years	428,282	(348,326 )	3 years
Total	\$ 1,840,592	\$ (607,287 )		\$ 725,961	\$ (547,740 )	

Amortization expense for these intangible assets was \$49,401 and \$59,675 for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007. Amortization expense for these intangible assets was \$10,111 and \$19,814 for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 2, 2006. The anticipated annual amortization expense for these intangible assets is 2008 \$167,238; 2009 \$195,116; 2010 \$177,888; 2011 \$165,365; and 2012 \$134,401. These anticipated annual amortization expenses could change upon the final allocation of the purchase price of Jean Coudu USA.

In connection with its acquisition of Jean Coudu USA, the Company determined that the acquired prescription files will be amortized over an estimated useful life of ten years on an accelerated basis, which approximates the anticipated prescription file retention and related cash flows.

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**10. Indebtedness and Credit Agreements**

Following is a summary of indebtedness and lease financing obligations at September 1, 2007 and March 3, 2007:

	September 1, 2007	March 3 2007
<b>Secured Debt:</b>		
Senior secured revolving credit facility due September 2010	\$ 603,000	\$ 300,000
Senior secured credit facility term loan due September 2010	145,000	145,000
Senior secured credit facility term loan due June 2014	1,105,000	
8.125% senior secured notes due May 2010 (\$360,000 face value less unamortized discount of \$1,834 and \$2,167)	358,166	357,833
7.5% senior secured notes due January 2015	200,000	200,000
7.5% senior secured notes due March 2017	500,000	500,000
Other secured	1,109	1,521
	2,912,275	1,504,354
<b>Guaranteed unsecured Debt:</b>		
9.25% senior notes due June 2013 (\$150,000 face value less unamortized discount of \$1,381 and \$1,501)	148,619	148,499
8.625 senior notes due March 2015	500,000	500,000
9.375% senior notes due December 2015 (\$410,000 face value less unamortized discount of \$5,810)	404,190	
9.5% senior notes due June 2017 (\$810,000 face value less unamortized discount of \$12,683)	797,317	
	1,850,126	648,499
<b>Unsecured Debt:</b>		
6.125% fixed-rate senior notes due December 2008	150,000	150,000
6.875% senior debentures due August 2013	184,773	184,773
7.7% notes due February 2027	295,000	295,000
6.875% fixed-rate senior notes due December 2028	128,000	128,000
	757,773	757,773
Lease financing obligations	181,876	189,662
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>5,702,050</b>	<b>3,100,288</b>
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease financing obligations	(22,267)	(16,184)
<b>Long-term debt and lease financing obligations, less current maturities</b>	<b>\$ 5,679,783</b>	<b>\$ 3,084,104</b>

***Credit Facility***

The Company has a senior secured credit facility that includes a \$1,750,000 revolving credit facility. Borrowings under the revolving secured credit facility currently bear interest at LIBOR plus 1.5%, if the Company chooses to make LIBOR borrowings, or at Citibank's base rate plus 0.50%. The interest rate can fluctuate depending upon the amount of the revolver availability, as specified in the senior secured credit

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facility. The Company is required to pay fees of 0.25% per annum on the daily unused amount of the revolving credit facility. The amounts drawn on the revolving credit facility become due and payable in September 2010.

The Company's ability to borrow under the revolving credit facility is based upon a specified borrowing base consisting of inventory and prescription files. At September 1, 2007, the Company had \$603,000 of borrowings outstanding under the revolving credit facility. At September 1, 2007, the Company also had letters of credit outstanding against the revolving credit facility of \$184,779, which gave the Company additional borrowing capacity of \$962,221.

In November 2006, the Company entered into an amendment of its senior secured credit facility to permit the closing of the acquisition of Brooks Eckerd. Pursuant to the terms of the senior secured credit facility amendment, the Company borrowed \$145,000 under a senior secured term loan. Proceeds from the borrowings under this senior secured term loan (the Tranche 1 Term Loans) were used to pay amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility.

The Tranche 1 Term Loans currently bear interest at LIBOR plus 1.50%, if the Company chooses to make LIBOR borrowings, or at Citibank's base rate plus 0.50%. The interest rate can fluctuate depending on the amount of availability under the Company's revolving credit facility, as specified in the senior secured credit facility. The amounts outstanding under the Tranche 1 Term Loans become due and payable on September 30, 2010, or earlier, if there is a shortfall in the Company's borrowing base under its revolving credit facility.

On June 4, 2007, the Company amended its senior secured credit facility to establish a new senior secured term loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,105,000 and borrowed the full amount thereunder. A portion of the proceeds from the borrowings under this senior secured term loan (the Tranche 2 Term Loans) were used to fund the acquisition of Brooks Eckerd. The Tranche 2 Term Loans will mature on June 4, 2014 and currently bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.75%, if the Company chooses to make LIBOR borrowings, or at Citibank's base rate plus 0.75%. The Company must make mandatory prepayments of the Tranche 2 Term Loans with the proceeds of asset dispositions (subject to certain limitations), with a portion of any excess cash flow generated by the Company and with the proceeds of certain issuances of equity and debt (subject to certain exceptions). If at any time there is a shortfall in the Company's borrowing base under the Company's revolving credit facility, prepayment of the Tranche 2 Term Loans may also be required.

The senior secured credit facility allows the Company to have outstanding, at any time, up to \$1,500,000 in secured second priority debt and unsecured debt in addition to borrowings under the senior secured credit facility and existing indebtedness, provided that not in excess of \$750,000 of such secured second priority debt and unsecured debt shall mature or require scheduled payment of principal prior to three months after September 30, 2014. However, other debentures do not permit additional secured debt if the revolver is fully drawn and there is no additional collateral. The senior secured credit facility allows the Company to incur an unlimited amount of unsecured debt with a maturity beyond three months after September 30, 2014; however other debentures limit the amount of unsecured debt that can be incurred if certain interest coverage levels are not met at the time of incurrence of said debt. The senior secured facility also allows for the repurchase of any debt with a maturity on or before June 4, 2014, and for the



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repurchase of debt with a maturity after June 4, 2014, if the Company maintains availability on the revolving credit facility of at least \$100,000.

The senior secured credit facility contains covenants, which place restrictions on the incurrence of debt beyond the restrictions described above, the payments of dividends, mergers and acquisitions and the granting of liens. The senior secured credit facility also requires the Company to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, but only if availability on the revolving credit facility is less than \$100,000.

The senior secured credit facility provides for events of default including nonpayment, misrepresentation, breach of covenants and bankruptcy. It is also an event of default if the Company fails to make any required payment on debt having a principal amount in excess of \$50,000 or any event occurs that enables, or which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time would enable, the holder of such debt to accelerate the maturity of such debt.

Substantially all of Rite Aid Corporation's wholly-owned subsidiaries guarantee the obligations under the senior secured credit facility. The subsidiary guarantees of the revolving credit facility and Tranche 1 Term Loans and following the filing of this quarterly report, the Tranche 2 Term Loans are secured by a first priority lien on, among other things the inventory and prescription files of the subsidiary guarantors. Rite Aid Corporation is a holding company with no direct operations and is dependent upon dividends, distributions and other payments from its subsidiaries to service payments due under the senior secured credit facility. The 8.125% senior secured notes due 2010, the 7.5% senior secured notes due 2015 and the 7.5% senior secured notes due 2017 are guaranteed by substantially all of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, which are the same subsidiaries that guarantee the senior secured credit facility and are secured on a second priority basis by the same collateral as the senior secured credit facility. The 9.25% senior notes due June 2013, the 8.625% senior notes due March 2015, the 9.375% senior notes due December 2015 and the 9.5% senior notes due June 2017 are also guaranteed by substantially all of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries.

The subsidiary guarantees related to the Company's senior secured credit facility and certain of the Company's indentures are full and unconditional and joint and several, and there are no restrictions on the ability of the parent to obtain funds from its subsidiaries. Also, the parent company has no independent assets or operations, and subsidiaries not guaranteeing the credit facility and applicable indentures are minor. Accordingly, condensed consolidating financial information for the parent and subsidiaries is not presented.

***Other***

On June 4, 2007 the Company incurred \$1,220,000 aggregate principal amount of senior notes. The issue consisted of \$410,000 of 9.375% senior notes due 2015 and \$810,000 of 9.5% senior notes due 2017. The Company's obligations under each series of notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by all of the Company's subsidiaries that guarantee its obligations under the existing senior secured credit facility and other outstanding senior secured notes. The notes are unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of Rite Aid Corporation and rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's other unsecured, unsubordinated debt. The indentures governing the notes contain covenants that limit the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things, incur additional debt, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, purchase, redeem or retire capital stock

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or subordinated debt, make asset sales, enter into transactions with affiliates, incur liens, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, provide subsidiary guarantees, make investments and merge or consolidate with any other persons.

The aggregate annual principal payments of long-term debt for the remainder of fiscal 2008 and thereafter are as follows: 2008 \$230; 2009 \$158,610; 2010 \$11,172; 2011 \$1,117,314; 2012 \$11,165 and \$4,221,684 in 2013 and thereafter. At September 1, 2007 the Company was in compliance with restrictions and limitations included in the provisions of various loan and credit agreements.

**11. Stock Option and Stock Awards**

Effective March 5, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (R), Share-Based Payment using the modified prospective transition method. Total share based compensation expense for the twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006 was \$18,574 and \$8,606, respectively. Share-based compensation expense is included in the consolidated statements of operations within selling, general and administrative expenses.

The Company typically issues its annual share-based compensation grants during the second quarter of each fiscal year. The total number and type of grants and the related weighted average fair value for the twenty-six week periods are as follows:

	<b>September 1, 2007</b>		<b>September 2, 2006</b>	
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Fair Value</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Fair Value</b>
Stock options awarded	10,087	\$ 3.25	6,642	\$ 2.47
Stock awards granted	6,768	\$ 6.10	4,812	\$ 4.34
<b>Total awards</b>	<b>16,855</b>		<b>11,454</b>	

Stock options granted vest, and are subsequently exercisable in equal annual installments over a four-year period for employees. Non-employee director options granted vest, and are subsequently exercisable in equal annual installments over a three-year period. Stock awards granted vest in equal annual installments over a three year period. Additionally, vesting of 991 shares awarded to certain senior executives is conditional upon the Company meeting specified performance targets.

The Company calculates the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. The following assumptions were used in the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model:

	<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended</b>			
	<b>September 1, 2007</b>		<b>September 2, 2006</b>	
Expected stock price volatility	52	%	56	%
Expected dividend yield	0	%	0	%
Risk-free interest rate	5.0	%	5.0	%
Expected option life	5.5 years		5.5 years	

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As of September 1, 2007, there was \$40,312 of total unrecognized pre-tax compensation costs related to unvested stock options, net of forfeitures. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.1 years. As of September 1, 2007, there was \$40,896 of total unrecognized pre-tax compensation costs related to unvested restricted stock grants, net of forfeitures. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.2 years.

Certain of the Company's executives have employment agreements with change-in-control clauses that resulted in the full vesting of unvested stock options and stock awards upon the closing of the Acquisition. In connection with this vesting the Company recorded additional share-based compensation expense of \$4,299 in the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007.

## 12. Retirement Plans

Net periodic pension expense recorded in the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 1, 2007 and September 2, 2006, for the Company's defined benefit plans includes the following components:

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>		<b>Nonqualified Executive Retirement Plans</b>		<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>		<b>Nonqualified Executive Retirement Plans</b>	
	<b>Thirteen Week Period Ended</b>				<b>Twenty-Six Week Period Ended</b>			
	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>	<b>September 1, 2007</b>	<b>September 2, 2006</b>
Service cost	\$ 858	\$ 780	\$ 12	\$ 21	\$ 1,716	\$ 1,560	\$ 24	\$ 42
Interest cost	1,376	1,306	285	276	2,752	2,612	576	552
Expected return on plan assets	(1,272 )	(969 )			(2,544 )	(1,938 )		
Amortization of unrecognized net transition obligation			21	21			44	42
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	249	177			498	354		
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	235	631	24	44	470	1,262	48	88
Net pension expense	\$ 1,446	\$ 1,925	\$ 342	\$ 362	\$ 2,892	\$ 3,850	\$ 692	\$ 724