

Rankin Norman John  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
 Rankin Norman John

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)  
 300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/15/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 7,000 A \$ 10.85  | 22,000  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/15/2008                           |  | S                              | 7,000 D \$ 32.8 (1)   | 15,000  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,442   | I  | By 401(k) Plan (2)                |

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. 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  |   |              |                            |
| Stock Purchase Option                      | \$ 10.85   | 09/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 7,000   | 11/15/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/24/2013  | Common Stock | 7,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Rankin Norman John<br>300 PHILLIPI ROAD<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43228 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Chadwick P. Reynolds, attorney in fact for Norman John Rankin 09/17/2008

\_\_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 sale prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$32.75 to \$32.86. 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) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated August 18, 2008.

(3) The date upon which the stock purchase option became fully exercisable.

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