

CATO CORP
Form 4
July 30, 2007

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOWE JOHN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 34216

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CATO CORP [CTR]

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

07/27/2007

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)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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)
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	07/27/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	1,800 A	\$ 5.5 5,548	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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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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.5	07/27/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	1,800	08/28/1998 ⁽¹⁾ 08/28/2007	CLASS A COMMON STOCK 1,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.96					08/11/1999 ⁽²⁾ 08/11/2008	CLASS A COMMON STOCK 7,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.83					08/28/2000 08/28/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK 4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.19					11/01/2000 ⁽³⁾ 11/01/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK 4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HOWE JOHN R P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216	VP - ASST. CONTROL

Signatures

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, POWER OF ATTORNEY 07/30/2007

____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).
- (1) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/28/1998.

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(2) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/11/1999.

(3) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

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