

DREILING RICHARD W  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DREILING RICHARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 MISSION RIDGE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/27/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

(Street)  
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 225,000   | A  | \$ 7.9975   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 104,003.7027  | D  | \$ 52   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2012                           |  | D                              |   | 0.2973  | D  | \$ 52   |

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) |         |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 7.9975  | 09/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 225,000   | <u>(1)</u> 07/06/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 225,000 |                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| DREILING RICHARD W<br>100 MISSION RIDGE<br>GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 09/28/2012

\*\*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) The securities reported in column 5 were part of an option grant that, (i) with respect to 50% of the option grant, vested 20% per year over 5 years commencing on July 6, 2008 and ending on July 6, 2012; and (2) with respect to 50% of the option grant, vested 20% per year over the five fiscal years ending February 1, 2008, January 30, 2009, January 29, 2010, January 28, 2011 and February 3, 2012 subject to the satisfaction of certain performance criteria, which criteria were satisfied for each such fiscal year.

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