

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
TROMBETTA KAREN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORP [BCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 V.P.-Div. Merch. Manager

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY, 1830 ROUTE 130
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2005

BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,200 A \$ 16.28 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | | S | 1,200 D \$ 28.7451 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par | 05/18/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,200 A \$ 16.84 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| Value | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 28.7451 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,200 | A | \$ 12 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 28.8 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,400 | A | \$ 15.44 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | S | 900 | D | \$ 28.8 | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 05/18/2005 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 28.7451 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | | | | | | 129 | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
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| | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.28 | 05/18/2005 | <u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | | 1,200 | 03/20/1998 03/20/2008 | Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.84 | 05/18/2005 | <u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | | 1,200 | 08/27/1999 08/27/2009 | Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 12 | 05/18/2005 | <u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | | 1,200 | 03/01/2000 03/01/2010 | Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 15.44 | 05/18/2005 | <u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,400 | 01/24/2002 01/24/2012 | Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | 2,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TROMBETTA KAREN C/O BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY 1830 ROUTE 130 BURLINGTON, NJ 08016 | | | V.P.-Div. Merch. Manager | |

Signatures

/s/ Karen
Trombetta

05/20/2005

**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) Exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-6(b).

(2) The aggregate number of securities beneficially owned directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction is shown in row 9 on Table I.

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