

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 9, 2002

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

7 West Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
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-and-

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Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1-13536
(Commission File Number)

13-3324058
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Federated Department Stores, Inc. ("Federated"), today posted the following weekly sales update on its Internet website:

"This is the update for the first week of December 2002 including sales from Sunday December 1st through Saturday December 7th. The fiscal month of December runs from December 1st through January 4th this year and the combined November/December period runs from November 3rd through January 4th.

Given the snow mid-week in the eastern part of the country, sales in the first week of December were difficult and hard to judge. Our guidance for the November/December period is for comp store sales to be at the low end of the range of flat to down -2.5%. If December comp store sales are flattish, we would achieve the low end of that range."

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This release contains certain forward-looking statements that reflect current views of the financial performance and future events of Federated. The words "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe" and other similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Any such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Future results of the operations of Federated could differ materially from historical results or current expectations due to a variety of factors that affect Federated, including competitive pressures from specialty stores, general merchandise stores, manufacturers' outlets, off-price and discount stores, new and established forms of home shopping (including the Internet, mail-order catalogues and television) and general consumer spending levels, including the impact of the availability and level of consumer debt, and the effect of weather.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Dated: December 9, 2002

By: /s/ Dennis J. Broderick

Name: Dennis J. Broderick

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary