

DONAHUE THOMAS R
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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 *
DONAHUE THOMAS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FEDERATED INVESTORS INC /PA/ [FII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President, CFO, Treasurer

C/O FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC., FEDERATED INVESTORS TOWER

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-3779

(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
Class B Common Stock	12/19/2008		S		153,054.5	D	<u>(1)</u>
					652,495.5	I	<u>(2)</u>

Held indirectly by Maxfund Partners, L.P. (1)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DONAHUE THOMAS R C/O FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC. FEDERATED INVESTORS TOWER PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-3779			Vice President, CFO, Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/ Gail C. Jones
(Attorney-in-Fact) 12/23/2008

**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).
- (1) The reported securities are held by Maxfund Partners, L.P., a limited partnership of which the reporting person is the sole general partner. On December 19, 2008, the reporting person sold 19% interest in Maxfund Partners, L.P. to trusts established for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The interest was sold in exchange for notes, equal to value of the 19% Maxfund Partners, L.P. partnership interest and was done for family wealth transfer planning purposes. The FII Class B Common Stock shares held by Maxfund Partners, L.P. were valued at \$17.12 per share on the date of the transaction. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the FII Class B Common Stock held by Maxfund Partners, L.P. except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) In addition to the holdings set forth in Table I: 692,185 shares are held directly (this includes 72 shares of FII Class B Common Stock held in Federated's Profit Sharing/401(k) plan); 3,509 shares are held indirectly by Spouse; 302,405 shares are held indirectly by Beechwood Company; 111,540 shares are held indirectly by Comax Partners Limited Partnership; and 520,584 shares are held indirectly by J. Christopher Donahue as custodian for minor children.

Remarks:

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The Power of Attorney dated July 25, 2006 is incorporated by reference.

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