DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PURCELL J NEAL

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 07/25/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

100 MISSION RIDGE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

(Instr. 4)

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	
Security	or Exercise	•	any
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or

Number of Shares

Phantom Stock (1) 07/25/2005 A 61.791 (2) (2) Common Stock 61.791 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PURCELL J NEAL
100 MISSION RIDGE X

GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, by Power of Attorney 07/26/2005

**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) The shares of phantom stock are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock (and cash in lieu of fractional shares) after the reporting person's termination of service as a non-employee director.
- (3) Includes shares of phantom stock that were acquired by the reporting person on July 20, 2005 pursuant to an automatic dividend reinvestment that was exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

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