

BLUE NILE INC  
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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 \*  
**GASTON DWIGHT**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700**

(Street)

**SEATTLE, WA 98104**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BLUE NILE INC [NILE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/06/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior VP**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/06/2011		M	500 A \$ 8.75	1,913	D	
Common Stock	07/06/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 D \$ 44	1,413	D	

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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75	07/06/2011	07/06/2011	M	500	(2) 10/09/2013	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GASTON DWIGHT C/O BLUE NILE, INC. 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700 SEATTLE, WA 98104			Senior VP	

## Signatures

/s/ Dwight Gaston 07/08/2011

\*\*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) This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
  - (2) 25% of the option shares vest on August 26, 2004 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
  - (3) Not applicable.

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