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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KISH JEFF

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

10201 MAIN STREET

HOUSTON, TX 77025

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STAGE STORES INC [STGS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) SVP, Chief Information Officer

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative Date Underlying Securitie Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

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

Amou or

> Numb of Shares

> > 3,89

Stock

Options (right to

buy)

\$ 38.27 03/30/2005

3,899 A

 $03/30/2008_{\underline{(1)}} \quad 03/30/2012_{\underline{(1)}}$

Common

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KISH JEFF

10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025 SVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

By: Michael E. McCreery For: Jeff Kish

04/01/2005

**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).

Absent earlier retirement, permanent disability or death of the reporting person, the right to exercise these options will vest on March 30,

(1) 2008 and will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after termination of employment with the Company, or (ii) seven years from the date of grant.

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