

WINN DIXIE STORES INC  
Form S-8 POS  
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Registration No. 333-156041

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

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**TO**  
**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Florida**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**59-0514290**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**5050 Edgewood Court**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32254**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

(Full title of the Plan)

**Corporation Service Company**

**1703 Laurel Street**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**800-927-9800**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., a Florida corporation (the Company ), hereby amends its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-156041) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 10, 2008 (the Registration Statement ) registering 1,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ( Common Stock ) for the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan, by deregistering all of the Common Stock registered on the Registration Statement that has not been sold or otherwise remains unissued.

On December 19, 2011, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 16, 2011 (the Merger Agreement ), with Opal Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( Parent ), and Opal Merger Sub, Inc., a Florida corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ( Merger Sub and, together with Parent, the Acquiring Parties ), pursuant to which on March 9 2012, Merger Sub was merged with and into the Company, with the Company being the surviving corporation and continuing its existence under the laws of the State of Florida (the Merger ). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on March 9 2012, each issued and outstanding share of Common Stock of the Company, other than any shares owned by the Company, the Acquiring Parties or Merger Sub, were cancelled and converted automatically into the right to receive \$9.50 in cash, without interest. Therefore, the Company has ceased to be a publicly traded company, and in connection with the Merger, the Company is terminating all of its offerings of securities pursuant to its existing registration statements, including the Registration Statement.

In accordance with the undertaking contained in Part II, Item 9(a)(3) of the Registration Statement pursuant to Item 512(a)(3) of Regulation S-K, the Company files this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to terminate the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and to remove from registration all of the Common Stock which remains unissued under the Registration Statement as of the date hereof, if any.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Jacksonville, State of Florida, on March 9, 2012.

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.

By: /s/ Brian Carney  
Name: Brian Carney  
Title: Vice President