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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Adda Claxton Rober	^	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	BIG LOTS INC [BIG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
300 PHILLIPI ROAD		(induct)	(Month/Day/Year) 07/07/2011	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Senior Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
COLUMBUS,	OH 43228			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/07/2011		M	15,950	A	\$ 17.47	55,614	D	
Common Stock	07/07/2011		S(1)	15,950	D	\$ 34.0214 (2)	39,664	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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expira (Mont	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 17.47	07/07/2011		M	15,9	50 <u>9</u>	(3)	03/06/2016	Common Stock	15,950

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Claxton Robert Craig 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Robert Craig Claxton

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.
- The value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$34.00 to \$34.08. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.

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