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OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth Issuer Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP. 09/20/2012 below) below) INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SUFFERN, NY 10901 Person (City) (State) (Zip) 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 TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Common

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

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7	7. Title and Amount o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	τ	Underlying Securities

or

Code V Amount (D) Price

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Option To Buy	\$ 7.495 (1)					09/18/2009(3)	09/18/2018	Common	20,00
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (1)					09/24/2010 <u>(3)</u>	09/24/2019	Common	10,00
Option to Buy	\$ 11.695 (1)					09/23/2011 <u>(3)</u>	09/23/2020	Common	20,00
Option To Buy	\$ 12.315 (2)					09/22/2012 <u>(3)</u>	09/22/2021	Common	20,00
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	09/20/2012		А	5,000	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Terformig o mar i and i radioo	Director	10% Owner	Owner Officer	Other		
Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901	Х					
Signatures						
Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney	09/21	/2012				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Da	ite				

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) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (3) Exercisable in three equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (4) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) These units vest in three equal installments on September 20, 2013, September 20, 2014 and September 20, 2015

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