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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* OBRIEN JOHN F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [TJX]									elationship of the control of the co	cable)	10% Owne		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ALLMERICA FINANCIAL						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2004									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s	specify
440 LINCOLN STREET (Street) WORCESTER MA 01653					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	ı	State) (Zip)													Person				
		Tab	ole I - Non	-Deriv	ative	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, C	Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	Form	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
	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		3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate, T	ransaction ode (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			of Securities		ecurity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				c	code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares					
Option ⁽¹⁾	\$21.75	09/08/2004			J ⁽²⁾		12,000		09/08/2005	0:	9/08/2014	Com		12,000	\$21.75	12,000)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Right to buy. Includes right to have shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon exercise.
- 2. Granted pursuant to the 1986 Stock Incentive Plan and exercisable September 8, 2005, the first anniversary date of the grant.

Remarks:

Mary B. Reynolds, by Power of

Attorney dated February 11,

2002

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

09/10/2004

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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