FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HIGHTOWER DENNIS F					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [ TJX ]							(Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) (Check all applicable)  X Director 1			n(s) to Issue		
(Last) 2600 RO	,	irst) K DRIVE, NW	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2004								Officer (give title below)			Other (specify below)		
(Street) WASHIN ————————————————————————————————————	NGTON D		20008-2704 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	) X Form file	Form filed by More than One Reporting						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				•	Execution Date,		r, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	s Form ally (D) o ollowing (I) (II		Direct In ndirect B r. 4) O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code	/	Amount (A) or (D)		r Price	Transaction (Instr. 3 au	ion(s)		(1)	150. 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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	y [	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)				
Deferred Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	06/01/2004		A		1,227.72		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	7,322.36	\$0	8,550.08	В	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Constitutes an award of deferred shares, under the Stock Incentive Plan, having a value of \$30,000 plus an amount equal to the aggregate dividends for which there has been a record date since June 3, 2003. Shares will be delivered to each Director upon Director's retirement.

## Remarks:

Mary B. Reynolds, by Power of Attorney dated February 17, 06/03/2004 2002

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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