FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NAYLOR JEFFREY G | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [TJX] | | | | | | (Che | elationship o ck all applica Director | able) | g Perso | on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s) | ner | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|----------|---------|--|--------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. 770 COCHITUATE ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2004 | | | | | |) | below) | below) Senior EVP and CFO | | , | | |
| (Street) FRAMIN (City) | NGHAM M | | 01701 (Zip) | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. In Line |) 【 Form fil | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rson | | | | | |
| | | Ta | ble I - Non- | -Derivat | ive S | ecuritie | s Ac | quired, | Disp | osed o | f, or Be | neficially | Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Execution Date | | Date, | Code (I | | | | ed (A) or str. 3, 4 and 5 | Beneficia Owned Fo | ties cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Direct Indirect Estr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | r Price | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | saction(s) r. 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | , Transaction Code (Instr. | | e | 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) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | · v | (A) | | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$21.75 | 09/08/2004 | | J ⁽²⁾ | | 150,000 | | 09/08/2009 | 5 09 | 9/08/2014 | Common Stock | 150,000 | \$21.75 | 150,00 | 00 | 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 in annual installments of 33.3% per year beginning on September 8, 2005.

Remarks:

<u>Jeffrey G. Naylor</u>

09/10/2004

** 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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