

BLUE NILE INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELL SUSAN S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BLUE NILE INC [NILE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/15/2011		M		6,000 A \$ 21.22	6,344	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		S		6,000 D \$ 56.37 (1)	344	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		M		5,000 A \$ 30	5,344	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		S		5,000 D \$ 56.7 (2)	344	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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.22	02/15/2011	02/15/2011	M	6,000	⁽³⁾ 02/22/2019	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	02/15/2011	02/15/2011	M	5,000	⁽⁵⁾ 07/26/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BELL SUSAN S C/O BLUE NILE, INC. 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900 SEATTLE, WA 98104			Senior VP	

Signatures

/s/ Lauren Neiswender, Power of Attorney
02/17/2011
**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).

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Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$56.67 and the lowest price at which shares were sold was \$56.25.

- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$56.88 and the lowest price at which shares were sold was \$56.37.
- (3) 25% of the option shares vest on February 23, 2010 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) 25% of the option shares vest on August 26, 2005 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.

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