

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 4  
September 10, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RENTLER BARBARA**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE,  
BUILDING 4**

(Street)

**PLEASANTON, CA 94588**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ROSS STORES INC [ROST]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/09/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive VP, Merchandising

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/09/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 4,000  | A          | \$ 19.02                                                                                      | 168,284                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/09/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 4,000  | D          | \$ 41.1667                                                                                    | 164,284                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/09/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 14,000 | A          | \$ 27.06                                                                                      | 178,284                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/09/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 14,000 | D          | \$ 41.1667                                                                                    | 164,284                                                  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 19.02                                                           | 09/09/2008                              |                                                             | M                                    | 4,000                                                                                                        | <u>(1)</u> 03/20/2013                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                | 4,000                               |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 27.06                                                           | 09/09/2008                              |                                                             | M                                    | 14,000                                                                                                       | <u>(1)</u> 01/05/2014                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                | 14,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| RENTLER BARBARA<br>4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4<br>PLEASANTON, CA 94588 |               |           | Executive VP,<br>Merchandising |       |

## Signatures

/s/Barbara Rentler Executive VP,  
Merchandising 09/09/2008

\_\_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).

(1) Option is exercisable as it vests in monthly increments beginning the first full month from date of grant with a vested ratio of 1/72 for the first year, 2/72 for the second year, and 3/72 for the third year.

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