

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 18, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: October 13, 2005

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

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-and-

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(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

Appointment of Principal Officers

On October 13, 2005, the Board of Directors of Federated Department Stores, Inc. ("Federated") elected Ms. Joyce M. Roché and Mr. William P. Stiritz to serve as members of Federated's Board as Class III Directors. Ms. Roché and Mr. Stiritz were both members of the Board of Directors of The May Department Stores Company ("May") at the time of the merger of May with Federated (the agreement for which contemplated that Federated would add to its Board of Directors two persons who served on May's Board of Directors). Mr. Stiritz's term as director of Federated will commence on October 27, 2005, and Ms. Roché's term as director of Federated will commence on February 23, 2006. The term for all Class III Directors expires at the 2006 annual meeting of Federated's stockholders.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Dated: October 18, 2005

By: /s/ Karen M. Hoguet

Name: Karen M. Hoguet

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer