

DILLARDS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NELSON STEVEN K

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1600 CANTRELL ROAD  
(Street)

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DILLARDS INC [DDS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2004

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)  
Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Class A	12/15/2004		M	22,500 A \$ 10.4375	42,411	D	
Common Class A	12/15/2004		F	13,437 D \$ 26.435	28,974	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 10.4375	12/15/2004		M	7,500	12/15/2002 12/15/2005	Common Class A	7,500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 10.4375	12/15/2004		M	7,500	12/15/2003 12/15/2005	Common Stock Class A	7,500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 10.4375	12/15/2004		M	7,500	12/15/2004 12/15/2005	Common Class A	7,500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.435	12/15/2004		A	13,437	12/15/2004 12/15/2005	Common Class A	13,437

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON STEVEN K 1600 CANTRELL ROAD LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Steven K. Nelson  
12/16/2004

\*\*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).

### Remarks:

Total includes 726 shares of Class A Common acquired under 401(k) Plan Exempt Under Rule 16-b-3 (c).  
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