BLUE NILE INC Form 4 January 05, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLUE NILE INC [NILE]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Check all applicable)		
C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900				(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2011					_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify		
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SEATTLE, WA 98104										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)	
	Common Stock	01/03/2011			M		4,000	A		38,383	D		
	Common Stock	01/03/2011			S <u>(1)</u>		4,000	D	\$ 58 (2)	34,383	D		

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\$ 8.75 38,383

58.17 34,383

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form					
Common Stock	1,160 I	By Daughter			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75	01/03/2011		M	4,000	<u>(4)</u>	10/09/2013	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.25	01/03/2011		M	4,000	<u>(6)</u>	02/25/2012	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
IRVINE DIANE M							
C/O BLUE NILE, INC.	X		CEO				
705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900	Λ		CEO				
SEATTLE, WA 98104							

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Signatures

/s/ Lauren Neiswender, Power of Attorney

01/05/2011

**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).
- (1) This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$58.29 and the lowest price at which shares were sold was \$57.84.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which share were sold was \$58.56 and the lowest price at which shares were sold was \$57.84.
- (4) 25% of the option shares vest on August 26, 2004 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Option shares vest in equal monthly installments over thirty-six months.

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