

Dodson Paulette R.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Dodson Paulette R.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION,Â 3500 LACEY ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>DOWNERS GROVE,Â ILÂ 60515</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/31/2011</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Sara Lee Corp [SLE]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP, GC &amp; Corp Sec</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock	15,566 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common stock	1,295	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee stock option (right to buy)	08/31/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/27/2019	common stock	11,733	\$ 9.79	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	08/31/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/26/2020	common stock	9,084	\$ 14.64	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dodson Paulette R. C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515	Â	Â	Â SVP, GC & Corp Sec	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski, pursuant to power of attorney being filed herewith. 04/07/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 12,814 restricted stock units ("RSU") that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs generally vest one to five years after the grant date, and upon vesting are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Option vests in full on August 31, 2012, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.
- (3) Option vests in full on August 31, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.

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