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1(b).

Common

04/13/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting Per- Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth	- 2. 155461 1 (41116 4114 1161161 61 1146116	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Midd C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROU INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street) SUFFERN, NY 10901	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
(Instr. 3) and (M	xecution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) xy Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common 04/13/2011	M 20,000 A \$17.09	20,000 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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or Di (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option To Buy	\$ 17.09 (1)	04/13/2011		M		20,000	12/01/2006(2)	12/01/2015	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 14.99 (1)						09/18/2009(2)	09/18/2018	Common	10,00
Option To Buy	\$ 17.67 (1)						09/24/2010(2)	09/24/2019	Common	5,000
Option to Buy	\$ 23.39 (1)						09/23/2011(2)	09/23/2020	Common	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Buggeln Catherine Elizabeth C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901	X				
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Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney 04/14/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (2) Exercisable in three equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.

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