**CATO CORP** Form 4 August 18, 2005

### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Adda<br>GREER MICH |          | _        | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| CATO                           |          |          | CATO CORP [CTR]                                    | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| (Last)                         | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                    |  |  |  |
| P.O. BOX 34216                 |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/17/2005                     | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow) DIR OF STORES                            |  |  |
|                                | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216        |          |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
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| (City)                               | (State) (Z                           | Table   | I - Non-De                             | rivative S                            | ecuri  | ties Acquir  | ed, Disposed of,   | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D)     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| CLASS A<br>COMMON<br>STOCK           | 08/17/2005                           |   | M <u>(1)</u>                           | 1,500                                 | A      | \$<br>6.3933 | 1,500  | D  |   |
| CLASS A<br>COMMON<br>STOCK           | 08/17/2005                           |   | S                                      | 1,500                                 | D      | \$ 19.5      | 0  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number opportunities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |                    | 7. Title and Am<br>Underlying Sec<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 6.39   | 08/17/2005                              |   | M <u>(1)</u>                            | 1,500  | 02/24/2001(1)   | 02/24/2010         | CLASS A<br>COMMON<br>STOCK                            | 1,50                       |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
|                                |               |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GREER MICHAEL TIMOTHY

P.O. BOX 34216 DIR OF STORES

**CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216** 

### **Signatures**

By: STUART L. USELTON, POWER OF ATTORNEY 08/18/2005

\*\*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 option will vest in 5 equal increments beginning 2/24/2001

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