

SMITH KARI G
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH KARI G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2407 W 24TH STREET
 (Street)

KEARNEY, NE 68845

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BUCKLE INC [BKE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2009

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)
 VP SALES

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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock					37,893	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		M		44,636	A	\$ 3,9989
					86,651	I	By Trust

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 3.9989 <u>(1)</u>	12/29/2009		M	44,636 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> 02/02/2012	Common Stock 44,636 <u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH KARI G 2407 W 24TH STREET KEARNEY, NE 68845			VP SALES	

Signatures

Karen B. Rhoads by Power or Attorney
Date: 12/30/2009

__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) Exercise price was originally reported as \$20.50. Exercise price has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of the stock option plan to reflect payment of special cash dividend on 1/2/2007, 3/2 stock split on 1/12/2007, payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2008, 3/2 stock split on 10/30/2008, and payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2009.
- (2) Number of stock options granted was originally reported as 27,900. Number of stock options outstanding has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of the stock option plan to reflect payment of special cash dividend on 1/2/2007, 3/2 stock split on 1/12/2007, payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2008, 3/2 stock split on 10/30/2008, and payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/09.
- (3) Options became exercisable 100 percent on 6/2/2005.

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