#### **NELSON DENNIS H**

Form 4

March 20, 2012

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NELSON DENNIS H			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BUCKLE INC [BKE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
2407 W 24TH STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  PRESIDENT & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
KEARNEY, N	E 68845		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi corr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or		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	03/16/2012		M	5,200	A	\$ 1.6022	241,800	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2012		S	5,200	D	\$ 48.5591	236,600	D	
Common Stock							2,544,005	I	By Trust
Common Stock							67,500	I	By Wife
Common Stock							4,896.8758 (4)	I	Held by 401(k) Plan

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		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)	\$ 1.6022 (1)	03/16/2012		M	5,200 (2)	(3)	01/31/2014	Common Stock	5,200 (2)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NELSON DENNIS H 2407 W 24TH STREET KEARNEY, NE 68845	X		PRESIDENT & CEO				

## **Signatures**

Karen B. Rhoads by Power of Attorney 03/20/2012

\*\*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).
- Exercise price was originally reported as \$25.75. 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, payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2009, payment of special cash dividend on 12/21/2010, and payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2011.
- (2) Number of stock options granted was originally reported as 103,500. 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,

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payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2008, 3/2 stock split on 10/30/2008, payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/09, payment of special cash dividend on 12/21/2010, and payment of special cash dividend on 10/27/2011.

- (3) Exercisable upon certification of goals being met 1/3 immediately, 1/3 on 1/28/2006, and 1/3 on 12/13/2006.
- (4) Holdings as of 2/29/2012, as reported by plan administrator.

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