

STASYSZEN RICHARD E

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STASYSZEN RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10201 MAIN STREET

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
STAGE STORES INC [STGS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/30/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP, Finance and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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 | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3)                            | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 38.27                           | 03/30/2005       |            |                                                                     | A    |   | 2,115 |     | 03/30/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/30/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | Common<br>Stock | 2,115                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| STASYSZEN RICHARD E<br>10201 MAIN STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77025 |               |           | SVP, Finance and Controller |       |

## Signatures

By: Michael E. McCreery For: Richard E. Stasyszen  
 Date: 04/01/2005

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).

Absent earlier retirement, permanent disability or death of the reporting person, the right to exercise these options will vest on March 30, (1) 2008 and will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after termination of employment with the Company, or (ii) seven years from the date of grant.

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