TUCKER JAMES F

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| February 04, 2003 | | |
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| FORM 4 | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION | OMB APPROVAL |
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| longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP | |
| See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) | 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 | OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 |

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer(Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Tucker | James | F. | Michaels Stores, Inc. (MIK) | January 31, 2003 | _ Director | | | |
| (Last) 8000 E | (First) Bent Branch I | (Middle) Drive | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | _ 10% Owner | | | |
| | (Street) | | | | X Officer (give title below) | | | |
| Irving (City) | Texas (State) | 75063 (Zip) | | | _ Other (specify below) | | | |
| | () | (| | | Executive Vice President Chief Information Officer | | | |
| | | | | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

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

| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/ Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | Beneficially Owned | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial Ownership |
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| | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|-----------------|---------|------|---|--------|------------|-----------|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Common Stock | 1/31/03 | A(1) | | 35 | А | \$28.3135 | 19,322(2) | D | |
| | | | | | | | 1,900(3) | I | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | | 3A. Deemed Execution | 4. Transa Code (Instr. | acti | (Inst | vativ uritie uired or osed)) r. 3, | 3 | ate | Amou Unde Secur | rlying rities 2. 3 and 4) | | Securities Beneficially Owned | | 11. Nature of Indirect |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------|-------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Derivative | Price of | Date | Date, if any (Month/Day/ | | | | | | | | | Derivative | 0 | or Indirect | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | Year) | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
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| Explanation of Responses: | |
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| (1) | Shares purchased by the reporting person in connection with a lump-sum contribution under the Michaels Stores, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Employees Stock Purchase Plan (the Stock Plan). |
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| (2) | Includes 5,322 shares acquired by the reporting person under the Stock Plan based on plan statements issued by the Stock Plan administrator as of December 31, 2002 and January 31, 2003. |
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| (3) | The reported amount is held by a 401(k) Plan (the Plan) stock fund assumed to be fully invested in Michaels Stores, Inc. common stock. The reported amount is based on a plan statement issued by the Plan administrator as of January 31, 2003 as an estimate of the total number of shares that would be available to the reporting person if such holdings were liquidated on that date. |

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** Signature of Reporting Person Elizabeth K. Giddens, Attorney-in-Fact for James F. Tucker Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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