

BLUE NILE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PAQUIN ROBERT L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900**

(Street)

**SEATTLE, WA 98104**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BLUE NILE INC [NILE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2005**

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)  
**Chief Operating Officer & CIO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

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)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/17/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 29.886	278,459	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/17/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,115 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 29.9207	277,344	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/17/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 30	276,844	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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

PAQUIN ROBERT L  
C/O BLUE NILE, INC.  
705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900  
SEATTLE, WA 98104

Chief Operating Officer & CIO

## Signatures

/s/ Diane M. Irvine, Power of Attorney

05/18/2005

\_\_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 sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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