

WINN DIXIE STORES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 ECKSTEIN FRANK OTTO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WINN DIXIE STORES INC
 [WINN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O WINN-DIXIE STORES,
 INC., 5050 EDGEWOOD CT.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Retail Operations

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32254

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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 Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 16.77	02/22/2007	A		63,086		(1)	02/22/2014	Common Stock	63,086
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	02/22/2007	A		21,629		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	21,629

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ECKSTEIN FRANK OTTO C/O WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC. 5050 EDGEWOOD CT. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32254			SVP, Retail Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Larry B. Appel
Attorney-in-Fact

02/26/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The Option shall vest over 3 years with 33% vesting per year starting with the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. common stock.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units are awarded under the Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan. The Restricted Stock Units become vested, and shares of Stock become deliverable, in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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