WAL MART STORES INC
Reported by
COUGHLIN THOMAS M

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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         BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
Telephone 5012734000
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Symbol WMT
SIC Code 5331 - Variety Stores
Industry Retail (Department & Discount)
Sector Services
Fiscal Year 01/31
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
   COUGHLIN THOMAS M  
   702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET  
   BENTONVILLE, AR 72716

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
   WAL MART STORES INC [ WMT ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)  
   1/6/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)  

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
   (Check all applicable)  
   _X__ Director  
   _X__ Officer (give title below)  
   ___ 10% Owner  
   ___ Other (specify below)

   Vice Chairman of the Board

6. 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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1/5/2004</td>
<td>1/5/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>38373.00 A $0</td>
<td>355580.00</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>By ESOP</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1/6/2004</td>
<td>1/6/2004</td>
<td>J (1)</td>
<td>1819.00 A $0</td>
<td>39104.00</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>By Family LLC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
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<td>By Gift Trust</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
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<td></td>
<td>By Irrevocable Trust</td>
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<td>By Trust</td>
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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stock Option</td>
<td>$52.1200</td>
<td>1/5/2004</td>
<td>1/5/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>279355.00</td>
<td>1/5/2005 1/4/2014 Common Stock</td>
<td>279355.00 $52.1200 Common Stock</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>By Trust</td>
<td>By Trust</td>
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**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Due to stock price fluctuations, and changes in the percentage of Plan assets, total shares credited may have decreased. The information reported is based on a Plan statement dated Oct 31, 2003.
COUGHLIN THOMAS M  
702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET  
BENTONVILLE, AR 72716  

X  
Vice Chairman of the Board  

Signatures  

/s/ Samuel A. Guess, By Power of Attorney  

1/7/2004  

** Signature of Reporting Person  

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).  


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