

WAL MART STORES INC

Reported by
COUGHLIN THOMAS M

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	702 SOUTHWEST 8TH ST BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
Telephone	5012734000
CIK	0000104169
Symbol	WMT
SIC Code	5331 - Variety Stores
Industry	Retail (Department & Discount)
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	01/31

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(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
COUGHLIN THOMAS M			WAL MART STORES INC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)		
702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET			1/6/2004			Vice Chairman of the Board		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
BENTONVILLE, AR 72716						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)						<input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	1/5/2004	1/5/2004	A		38373.00	A	\$0	355580.00	D	
Common Stock	1/6/2004	1/6/2004	J (1)		1819.00	A	\$0	39104.00	I	By ESOP
Common Stock								14326.00	I	By Family LLC
Common Stock								29637.00	I	By Gift Trust
Common Stock								220.00	I	By Irrevocable Trust
Common Stock								85426.00	I	By Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$52.1200	1/5/2004	1/5/2004	A		279355.00		1/5/2005	1/4/2014	Common Stock	279355.00	\$52.1200	279355.00	D	

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.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

COUGHLIN THOMAS M 702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET BENTONVILLE, AR 72716	X	Vice Chairman of the Board	
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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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