

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MARTIN JOHN CHARLES</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>300 PHILLIPI ROAD</u> (Street) <u>COLUMBUS</u> <u>OH</u> <u>43228</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/01/2003</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BIG LOTS INC</u> [<u>BLI</u>]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP of Subsidiary</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Stock Purchase Option</u>	<u>12/01/2004⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>01/01/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>14.35</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Dates in this column reflect the first of five annual vesting dates upon which 20% of the Stock Purchase Option becomes exercisable.

Remarks:

Charles W. Haubiel II, attorney in fact for John 12/03/2003
Charles Martin

** 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 5 (b)(v).
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SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

THE UNDERSIGNED, John C. Martin, presently residing at 1600 Eldridge Parkway, Apt. #2006, Houston, Texas 77077, does hereby appoint Albert J. Bell, Charles W. Haub: which are promulgated from time-to-time under either of such Acts, or the rules of any securities exchange.

This Special Power of Attorney is limited to the specific acts herein described and is made effective the date last below written, and shall continue in full force &

/s/ John C. Martin

JOHN C. MARTIN

STATE OF OHIO)

) ss

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said county and state, did personally appear on this 1st day of December, 2003, the above-signed individual know

/s/ Leshell L. Duncan

NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission expires: 12-21-2008