

POTTER MICHAEL J  
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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 \*  
**POTTER MICHAEL J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLUE NILE, INC, 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700

(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)  
**05/18/2012**

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)

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

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |                                   |

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| (Instr. 3)                   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                | 05/18/2012       | A          | 2,123   |                         |      |   |     |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 2,123                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POTTER MICHAEL J<br>C/O BLUE NILE, INC<br>411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700<br>SEATTLE, WA 98104 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lauren Neiswender, Power of Attorney  
Date: 05/22/2012

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit is converted to one share of Blue Nile common stock at the vest date.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and convert into common stock every three months beginning August 18, 2012 for one (1) year.

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