

BLUE NILE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
IRVINE DIANE M

(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)  
08/11/2011

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)  
CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 08/11/2011                           |  | M                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 8.75                                 | 37,801  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/11/2011                           |  | M                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 0.25                                 | 38,489  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,160   | I  | By Son  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,160   | I  | By Daughter   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,160   | I  | By Daughter   |

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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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 8.75  | 08/11/2011                           |  | M                              | 812   | <sup>(1)</sup> 10/09/2013                                | Common Stock 812  |                           |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 0.25  | 08/11/2011                           |  | M                              | 688   | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/25/2012                                | Common Stock 688  |                           |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Diane M. 08/15/2011  
Irvine

\*\*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) 25% of the option shares vest on August 26, 2004 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months
  - (2) Not applicable.
  - (3) The option shares vest in equal monthly installments until October 5, 2003.

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