FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PEIROS LARRY			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]						
(Last) 4440 ROSEW (Street) PLEASANTO (City)		(Middle)  94588  (Zip)	01/23/2013	4		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	on(s) to Issu 10% Owne Other (spe below)	er	(Mon	th/Day/Year) dividual or Join icable Line) Form filed b Person	ate of Original Filed  It/Group Filing (Check  y One Reporting  y More than One Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
Expiration			2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y			itle and Amount of Securi erlying Derivative Securi	rity (Instr. Cor		rsion	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ John G. Call for Larry S. **Peiros** 

01/24/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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ROSS STORES, INC. POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby authorizes John G. Call, Group Senior Vice President; Deon Riley, Senior Vice President, Human Resources; Ken Jew, Vice President, Corporate Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary; and Monte Young, Senior Director, Compensation-HRIM of Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Form ID Uniform Application for Access Codes and Passwords to File on EDGAR, Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23rd day of January, 2013.

/s/ Lawrence Peiros

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