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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Sneve Laurie A.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP. 8905 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE #108 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92122 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP [ROIC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr.VP,Chief Accounting Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/02/2013</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	01/02/2013		A		15,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	15,000	D		

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 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$12.43	01/02/2013		A		15,000 ⁽²⁾		(2)	11/28/2022	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	15,000	\$0 ⁽²⁾	15,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting person was granted 15,000 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest in four equal installments on November 28, 2013 and each of the three subsequent anniversaries thereof.
- Stock options granted pursuant to the 2009 Equity Incentive Plan; options vest in four equal installments on November 28, 2013 and each of the three subsequent anniversaries thereof.

/s/ Laurie A. Sneve 01/03/2013

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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