

Dowd Thomas
Form 4
April 22, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dowd Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300
SIXTH AVENUE

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/21/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EVP of Store Operations

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)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock")	04/21/2011		A	10,016 (1)	A \$ 0 18,743 (2)	D	

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

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(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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.82	04/21/2011		A		93,750		<u>(3)</u>	04/21/2018	Common Stock	93,750 <u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Dowd Thomas GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	EVP of Store Operations

Signatures

/s/ Gerald J. Stubenhofer, Jr., by power of attorney
04/22/2011

__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).
- Represents a grant of restricted stock on April 21, 2011 pursuant to the GNC Holdings, Inc. 2011 Stock and Incentive Plan (the
- (1) "Restricted Stock"). The shares of Restricted Stock vest in three installments: 20% on April 21, 2014, 30% on April 21, 2015 and 50% on April 21, 2016.
 - (2) Includes the Restricted Stock.
 - (3) The option vests in five equal installments on April 21, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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