

Dowd Thomas
Form 4
December 12, 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)
12/12/2011

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, CMO and General Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock")	12/12/2011		A	4,404 (1)	A \$ 0 25,892 (2)	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.7	12/12/2011		A	45,596	(3) 12/12/2018	Common Stock	45,596 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Dowd Thomas GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, CMO and General Manager

Signatures

/s/ Gavin O'Connor, by power of attorney 12/12/2011

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Represents a grant of restricted stock on December 12, 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: 30% on December 12, 2014, 30% on December 12, 2015 and 40% on December 12, 2016.
- (2) Includes the Restricted Stock.
- (3) The option vests in five equal installments on December 12, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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