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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brown Stuart B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]

(Check all applicable)

6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

CIRCLE, SUITE 200N

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

09/12/2011

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(City)

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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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/12/2011		A	2,486 (1)	A	\$0	2,486	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2011		A	21,314 (2)	A	\$0	23,800 (3)	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 Conversion Security Or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.15	09/12/2011		A	11,268	<u>(4)</u>	09/12/2021	Common Stock	11,268

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brown Stuart B 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Annita M. Menogan, Attorney-in-Fact

09/13/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

death or disability, if any such event occurs within eighteen months of the date of grant.

- ** 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 time-based restricted stock units under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive
 Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock.
 25% of the units are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant as long as the reporting person remains in the service of the issuer through the respective vesting date.
 - Represents a grant of time-based restricted stock units under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. 33.33% of the units are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant as long as the reporting person remains in the service of the issuer through the respective vesting date; provided however, 50% of the units shall vest upon termination of the reporting person by the issuer without cause or by the reporting person for good reason, or upon the reporting person's
- (3) Includes 23,800 time-based restricted stock units issued under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan that are subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.

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25% of the option vests on the first anniversary of the grant date, and thereafter 75% of the option will vest in 36 substantially equal monthly installments with the first installment vesting on the 12th day of the 13th month following the award date and an additional vesting on the 12th day of each of the 35 months thereafter.

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