Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.

Form 4

March 18, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ODONNELL MICHAEL P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.

[RUTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/11/2014

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) President, CEO and Director

C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100

(First)

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

(City) (State)

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

D

(A) or

48,644

Code V (D) Price Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Restricted 03/11/2014 Stock Grant

\$ 0 (1) Α 70,090 785,112

A

833,756 D

Restricted Stock Grant

Common

Stock

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

03/14/2014

03/11/2014

6,104 F (3)

Α

D

\$ 0 (2)

827,652

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

ODONNELL MICHAEL P C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789

X

President, CEO and Director

Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney

03/18/2014

**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).
- Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan after the company's
- (1) compensation committee determined that certain performance goals for 2013 had been met. The shares will vest on March 11, 2016, the second anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (2) Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on an annual basis over the three-year period following March 11, 2014, the date of the grant.
- (3) The reported disposition represents the withholding of shares to cover tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.

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