Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Toomy Kevin W Issuer Symbol Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc. (Check all applicable) [RUTH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY 03/10/2015 See Remarks GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WINTER PARK, FL 32789 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ear) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) on		on(A) or Di	Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) str. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		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	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 3 aliu 4)			
Common Stock	03/10/2015		S	27,500	D	\$ 15.12 (1)	79,080	D		
Common Stock	03/11/2015		M	15,000	A	\$ 2.32	94,080	D		
Common Stock	03/11/2015		M	20,000	A	\$ 4.71	114,080	D		
Common Stock	03/11/2015		F	475	D	\$ 15.09	113,605	D		

(2)

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 orDerivative 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)	\$ 2.32	03/11/2015		M	15,000	(3)	10/30/2018	Common Stock	15,000
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 4.71	03/11/2015		M	20,000	<u>(4)</u>	09/08/2018	Common Stock	20,000

### **Reporting Owners**

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

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

See Remarks

#### **Signatures**

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney 03/12/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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#### **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).
  - The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.04 to \$15.29 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., any security holder of Ruth's
- (1) Hospitality Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the withholding of shares to cover tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 100,000 shares, became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 30, 2009, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (4) The option became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on September 8, 2009, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

#### **Remarks:**

#### P & COO - Ruth's Chris Steak Hse

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