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Section 16.

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(State)

Alvarez Ralph

(Last)

(City)

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

[DNKN]

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

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, 12/06/2017

(Middle)

(Zip)

INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

CANTON, MA 02021

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Estimated average

burden hours per

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber Conversion

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6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Underlying Securities Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	12/06/2017		A	56	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	56	\$ 60.02

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alvarez Ralph C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021

X

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Ralph Alvarez

12/08/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 deferred stock units are issued under the Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, directors' fees may be deferred by the reporting person and such deferred fees are accounted for as if invested in Dunkin' Brands

(1) Group, Inc. common stock. Each deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. common stock. The deferred stock units become payable, in cash or common stock in the discretion of the Plan administrator, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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