

Dowd Thomas  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Dowd Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
02/20/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP, CMO & General Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 per share	02/20/2013		M		35,409	A	\$ 5 76,128
Common Stock	02/20/2013		S		35,409	D	\$ 40.93 40,719

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)	\$ 5	02/20/2013		M	35,409	(1) 03/15/2017	Common Stock	35,409 (1)

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dowd Thomas  
C/O GNC HOLDINGS, INC.  
300 SIXTH AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

EVP, CMO & General Manager

## Signatures

/s/ Gavin O'Connor by power of attorney

02/22/2013

\*\*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).

(1) Option granted on March 16, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 177,044 shares of Common Stock, vested in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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