DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* CARBONE PAUL C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

[DNKN]

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/23/2016

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP,

(Street)

INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

**CANTON, MA 02021** 

(State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Reported (A)

or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** 

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| Security (Instr. 3)                      | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) |        |     | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|--|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  |   |            |                         | Code V          | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 44.35  | 02/23/2016 |                         | A               | 81,284 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/23/2023         | Common<br>Stock  | 81,284                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARBONE PAUL C

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021 Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Richard Emmett, as attorney-in-fact for Paul C. Carbone

02/25/2016

\*\*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) One 2/23/2016, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 81,284 shares of common stock. The option vests based upon time criteria (four equal annual installments that begin on 2/23/2017).

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