

Post Denny Marie
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Post Denny Marie

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN
CIRCLE, SUITE 200N

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

GREENWOOD
VILLAGE, CO 80111

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	02/13/2018 ⁽¹⁾		A	(A) or (D) V Amount Price 2,704 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 0	20,064	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)

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Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: Post Denny Marie, 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 200N, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111, President and CEO.

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan, Attorney-in-Fact, 02/15/2018

**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).
On February 16, 2017, the reporting person received a grant, subject to stockholder approval, of performance share units ("PSUs") representing 22,340 shares of the issuer's common stock (at target). Stockholder approval was obtained on May 18, 2017. The PSUs cliff-vest at the end of a three-year performance cycle, generally subject to the reporting person's continued employment through the applicable vesting date, with the number of PSUs earned and issued determined based on achievement of performance objectives approved by the issuer's compensation committee for each year in the performance cycle. On February 13, 2018, the compensation committee determined that the objectives for the first tranche (2017) were achieved at a level resulting in 2,704 shares being earned by the reporting person. The shares issued will not vest until the end of the three-year performance cycle on December 29, 2019.

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