

AXELROD NORMAN  
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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 \*  
AXELROD NORMAN

(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)  
03/14/2012

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)  
Former Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001	03/14/2012		M	14,400	A	\$ 67,494	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M	19,244	A	\$ 86,738	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M	2,212	A	\$ 88,950	D
						7.5	

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	03/14/2012		M	14,400	<u>(1)</u> 06/05/2017	Common Stock	14,400 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	03/14/2012		M	19,244	<u>(2)</u> 06/05/2017	Common Stock	19,244 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.5	03/14/2012		M	2,212	<u>(3)</u> 06/05/2017	Common Stock	2,212 <u>(3)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AXELROD NORMAN C/O GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222				Former Director

## Signatures

/s/ Norman  
Axelrod 03/15/2013

\*\*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 June 5, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 158,641 shares of Common Stock, vested in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) Option granted on June 5, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 24,055 shares of Common Stock, vested in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (3) Option granted on June 5, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 158,641 shares of Common Stock, vested in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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