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## DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 4 August 08, 2001

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[_] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).										
1.	Name and Address of Reporting Person*									
RUIZ	HECTOR									
(	Last)	(First)		(Middle)						
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE										
	(Street)									
ORLA	NDO	FL		32859-3330						
(	City)	(State)		(Zip)						
	EN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)  IRS Identification Number			if an Entity (Voluntary)						
4.	Statement for Month/Year									
07/2	001									
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)									
6.	Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)	Person to Issue	r							
	<pre>[X] Director [_] Officer (give title b)</pre>	pelow)		10% Owner Other (specify below)						

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

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Table I	Non-Derivati	ve Securities	Acquired, Dis			==	
	or Be ======	neficially Own		====		==	
					4. Securities According to the	D) and 5)	
1.		2. Transactio	n (Instr.	8)		(A)	
Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Code	V	Amount	(D)	
Common Stock		07/31/01	М		3,000	А	\$18.218
4 (b) (v).							
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Amount

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Title of Derivative Security		(Month/	8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Date	Expira-		or Number of
(Instr. 3)	ity	Year)	Code V	(A)	(D)	cisable	Date	Title	Shares
Stock Option	\$18.2188	07/31/01	М		3,000	09/23/00	09/23/09	Common Stock	3,000
						=======			
Explanation of Resp	onses:								
/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENT	Z					8/8/01	1		
**Signature o	f Reporti	ng Person				Date	======================================		

BY: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

RUIZ, HECTOR
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32859-3330
DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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