#### LEE EUGENE I JR

Form 4

October 03, 2007

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* LEE EUGENE I JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

[DRI]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify below)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE

(Street)

10/01/2007 4. If Amendment, Date Original

President, Specialty Rest Grp 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Director

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ORLANDO, FL 32809

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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)	` '			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	7,511	A	\$ 0	7,511	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	4,957	A	\$0	12,468	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	4,898	A	\$0	17,366	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	12,362	A	\$ 0	29,728	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	15,493	A	\$ 0	45,221	D	

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Common Stock 10/01/2007 A 13,120 A \$0 58,341

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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 or 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 Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A	29,815	10/01/2007	12/31/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A	147,618	10/01/2007	12/31/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.6	10/01/2007		A	29,941	10/01/2007	07/01/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.4	10/01/2007		A	24,951	10/01/2007	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.6	10/01/2007		A	22,644	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 30.6	10/01/2007		A	3,305	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.22	10/01/2007		A	35,486	10/01/2007	07/20/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.76	10/01/2007		A	42,676	10/01/2007	02/08/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.51	10/01/2007		A	38,845	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.51	10/01/2007	A	34,185	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.94	10/01/2007	A	32,115	10/01/2007	02/13/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 43	10/01/2007	A	129,055	10/01/2010	10/01/2017	Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEE EUGENE I JR 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32809

President, Specialty Rest Grp

## **Signatures**

By: Douglas E. Wentz , Attorney-in-Fact for Eugene I. Lee, Jr. 10/03/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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