DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 4

September 26, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

WILSON RITA P

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

[DRI]

09/22/2006

Symbol

(Last)

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE, P.O. BOX 593330

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ORLANDO, FL 32859-3330

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)			5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionr Disposed of (D)				Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
			(A)			Reported	(I)		
				(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	09/22/2006		S		D	\$	10,820	D	
Stock	07.22,2000		~	_,,,,	_	42.3743	10,020	_	

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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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(A) or						Repo
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					i, and 3)						
									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	or		
									Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILSON RITA P
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
P.O. BOX 593330

ORLANDO, FL 32859-3330

Signatures

Douglas E. Wentz, Attorney-in-fact for WILSON, RITA P., 5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, P.O. Box 593330, Orlando, FL 32859-3330

09/26/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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