

MILLER JOHN C  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MILLER JOHN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
DENNY'S CORPORATION, 203  
EAST MAIN STREET  
(Street)

SPARTANBURG, SC 29341

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DENNYS CORP [DENN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2011

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)  
CEO and President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)  | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A)     | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|---------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                          | Ⓐ                                  | 02/01/2011       |            |   | A    |   | 200,000 |     | (1)                 | 02/01/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 200,000                    |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>purchase) | \$ 3.89                            | 02/01/2011       |            |   | A    |   | 200,000 |     | (2)                 | 02/01/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 200,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| MILLER JOHN C<br>DENNY'S CORPORATION<br>203 EAST MAIN STREET<br>SPARTANBURG, SC 29341 | X             |           | CEO and President |       |

## Signatures

J. Scott Melton for John C.  
Miller 02/03/2011

\*\*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) Performance-based restricted stock units in the amount of 200,000 were granted on February 1, 2011 as an inducement award pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c)(4). These performance-based restricted stock units represent the right to earn up to 200,000 shares of Denny's common stock, based on the closing price of the common stock exceeding specific hurdles for 20 consecutive trading days, and subject to the participant's continued employment with the Company.
- (2) The option, granted on 02/01/11 as an inducement award pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c)(4), vests annually in 33 1/3% increments beginning on the first (1st) anniversary of the grant date and expires on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the grant date.

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