

PENNINGTON BROOKS III  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PENNINGTON BROOKS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
[CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY

12/10/2008

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

MADISON, GA 30650

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,000	A	\$ 4.28	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		F <sup>(2)</sup>		2,804	D	\$ 4.74	
Common Stock	12/12/2008		S <sup>(3)</sup>		196	D	\$ 4.41	
Common Stock							49,040	
							I	By L.P. <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock							6,938	
							I	By Spouse <sup>(5)</sup>

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Common Stock						7,604	I	By LLC <sup>(6)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	6,000	A	\$ 4.26	325,900	D
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2008		F <sup>(2)</sup>	5,653	D	\$ 4.66	320,247	D
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		S <sup>(3)</sup>	128	D	\$ 4.35	320,119	D
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		S <sup>(3)</sup>	219	D	\$ 4.3	319,900	D
Class A Common Stock						98,080	I	By L.P. <sup>(4)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						13,876	I	By Spouse <sup>(5)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						15,208	I	By LLC <sup>(6)</sup>

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. D S (I)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	\$ 4.28	12/10/2008		M	3,000	08/02/2007	08/02/2010		3,000

