

RAINBOLT H E GENE  
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 \*  
RAINBOLT H E GENE

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE  
(Street)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SONIC CORP [SONC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V (A) (D)				
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11.19	01/06/2011	A	12,624	(1)	01/06/2018	Common Stock	12,624
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/06/2011	A	4,208	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4,208

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAINBOLT H E GENE 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104		X		

## Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for H.E. Gene Rainbolt  
Date: 01/07/2011

\_\_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) One-third of the total number of options granted on January 6, 2011 will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant.
  - (2) One-third of the total number of Restricted Stock Units granted will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant and will be issued in shares of Sonic Corp. common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain restrictions.

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