

Hibbert Paul  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Hibbert Paul (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, Â 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 (Street)  WALNUT CREEK, Â CA Â 94597 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP - Supply Chain	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	06/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	6,000	\$ 9.85	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	06/04/2016	Class A Common Stock	12,500	\$ 8.99	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	04/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	25,000	\$ 9.26	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hibbert Paul C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	Â	Â	Â SVP - Supply Chain	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Paul Hibbert                      10/11/2011  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) On June 30, 2009, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 6,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The Option vests in five equal annual installments beginning June 30, 2010 based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance for each of the fiscal years ending September 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. As October 5, 2011, 2,400 shares of Class A Common Stock are vested and exercisable.
  - (2) On June 4, 2010, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 12,500 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The Option vests in five equal annual installments beginning June 4, 2011 based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance for each of the fiscal years ending September 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. As October 5, 2011, 2,500 shares of Class A Common Stock are vested and exercisable.
  - (3) On April 13, 2011, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 25,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The Option vests in five equal annual installments beginning April 13, 2012 based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance for each of the fiscal years ending September 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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**Remarks:**  
 ExhibitÂ 24.1:Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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