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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| RAKOWICH WALTER C | | | . Date of Event lequiring Staten Month/Day/Year 3/01/2012 | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOST HOTELS & RESORTS, INC. [HST] | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------|--|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) 6903 ROCKL | (First) EDGE DRIVE | (Middle) | | | | ationship of Reporting Perso c all applicable) Director | son(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| SUITE 1500 | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe below) | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | ially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | | | Expiration Da | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4 | | 4. Conversion | e Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | e | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

By: Elizabeth A. Abdoo For: Walter C. Rakowich

03/12/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

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CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Elizabeth A. Abdoo or William K. Kelso to execute and file on the his behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of his ownership of or transactions in securities of Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc. The authority of Elizabeth A. Abdoo or William K. Kelso under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with securities of Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing. Mr. Rakowich acknowledges that Elizabeth A. Abdoo or William K. Kelso is not assuming, nor is Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., any of his responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Signature on File______ Walter C. Rakowich

Dated: 3/10/12