

Wendy's Co
Form SC TO-I
January 14, 2014
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE TO

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**THE WENDY'S COMPANY
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))**

**Common Stock, \$0.10 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)**

**950587105
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)**

**R. Scott Toop, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
The Wendy's Company
One Dave Thomas Blvd.
Dublin, OH 43017
(614) 764-3100
(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of
filing person)**

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction valuation(1) Amount of filing fee(2)

\$275,000,000 \$35,420

The transaction valuation is estimated only for purposes of calculating the filing fee. This amount is based on the (1) offer to purchase for not more than \$275,000,000 in aggregate of up to 32,352,941 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, at the minimum tender offer price of \$8.50 per share.

(2) The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals \$128.80 per \$1,000,000 of the value of the transaction.

Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the £ offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: N/A Filing Party: N/A
Form or Registration No.: N/A Date Filed: N/A

£ Check the box if filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

£ third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

S issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

£ going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

£ amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer: £

If applicable, check the appropriate box(es) below to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon:

£ Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

£ Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the offer by The Wendy's Company, a Delaware corporation ("Wendy's" or the "Company"), to purchase for cash up to \$275.0 million in value of shares of its common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Shares"), at a price of not less than \$8.50 nor greater than \$9.25 per Share upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Purchase, dated January 14, 2014 (the "Offer to Purchase"), a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit (a)(1)(A), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal," and together with the Offer to Purchase, as they may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Tender Offer"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit (a)(1)(B). This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is being filed in accordance with Rule 13e-4(c)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

The information contained in the Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal is hereby incorporated by reference in response to all the items of this Schedule TO, and as more particularly set forth below.

Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information under the heading "Summary Term Sheet," included in the Offer to Purchase, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Subject Company Information.

(a) The name of the issuer is The Wendy's Company. The address and telephone number of the issuer's principal executive offices are One Dave Thomas Blvd., Dublin, Ohio 43017, (614) 764-3100.

(b) The subject securities are Shares of The Wendy's Company. As of January 10, 2014, there were 392,876,983 Shares issued and outstanding. The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Introduction" is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Information about the trading market and price of the Shares set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 8 — Price Range of Shares; Dividends" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.

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(a) The filing person to which this Schedule TO relates is The Wendy's Company. The address and telephone number of Wendy's is set forth under Item 2(a) above. The names and business address of the directors and named executive officers of Wendy's are as set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares," and such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

(a) The material terms of the transaction set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings “Summary Term Sheet,” “Section 1 — Number of Shares; Purchase Price; Proration,” “Section 2 — Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer,” “Section 3 — Procedures for Tendering Shares,” “Section 4 — Withdrawal Rights,” “Section 5 — Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price,” “Section 6 — Conditional Tender of Shares,” “Section 7 — Conditions of the Offer,” “Section 9 — Source of Funds,” “Section 10 — Certain Information Concerning the Company,” “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares,” “Section 14 — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences” and “Section 15 — Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment” are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Information regarding purchases from officers, directors and affiliates of Wendy’s set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Past Contracts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.

(e) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings “Section 8 — Price Range of Shares; Dividends” and “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.

(a) Information regarding the purpose of the transaction set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings “Summary Term Sheet” and “Section 2 — Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Information regarding the treatment of Shares acquired pursuant to the Tender Offer set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading “Section 2 — Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Information about any plans or proposals set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings “Section 2 — Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer” and “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

(a) Information regarding the source of funds set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading “Section 9 — Source and Amount of Funds” is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.

(a) The information set forth under the heading “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 9. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.

(a) The information set forth under the headings “Summary Term Sheet” and “Section 16 — Fees and Expenses” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

(a)-(b) Not applicable.

Item 11. Additional Information.

(a)(1) The information set forth under the heading “Section 11 — Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference. The Company will amend this Schedule TO to reflect material changes to information incorporated by reference in the Offer to Purchase to the extent required by Rule 13e-4(d)(2).

(a)(2) The information set forth under the heading “Section 13 — Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(3) The information set forth under the heading “Section 13 — Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(4) The information set forth under the heading “Section 2 — Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(5) There are no material pending legal proceedings relating to the Offer. The information set forth under the heading “Section 13 — Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals” in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company will amend this Schedule TO to include documents that the Company may file with the SEC after the date of the Offer to Purchase pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), or 14 of the Exchange Act and prior to the expiration of the Tender Offer to the extent required by Rule 13e-4(d)(2) of the Exchange Act.

Item 12. Exhibits.

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- (a)(5)(B) Slide presentation materials used beginning on January 13, 2014.¹
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- (b) None.
- (d)(1) Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-02207).
- (d)(2) Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 13, 1998 (SEC file no. 001-02207).
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¹ Previously filed.

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(d)(21)	Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Annex C to the Wendy's International, Inc. Definitive 2007 Proxy Statement, dated March 12, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-08116).
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(d)(31)	Agreement dated December 1, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners GP, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., the general partner of which is Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, who, together with Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, are the controlling members of Trian GP, Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund, L.P. and Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund-A, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).
(g)	None.
(h)	None.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY

Date:

January

14,

2014

By: /s/ Todd A. Penegor

Name: Todd A. Penegor

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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(d)(31)	Agreement dated December 1, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners GP, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., the general partner of which is Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, who, together with Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, are the controlling members of Trian GP, Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund, L.P. and Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund-A, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).
(g)	None.
(h)	None.