

EXHIBIT 8(k)

From: Nojaim, Paul E
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 7:50 AM
To: 'Roller, Greg'
Subject: RE:

Greg,

Thanks for the note. Disappointing on all fronts. Collectively we've done an unbelievable job driving SBUX over the past few years. Think about these growth rates the past 6 yrs:

Ytd +11.4%
09 12.3%
09 -.2%
07 15.9%
06 15%
05 28.4%

Know that the business is in good hands. Anything you need on Coffee give me a call. Its business as usual until we hear otherwise.

Paul

From: Roller, Greg [mailto:greg.roller@kroger.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 7:22 AM
To: Nojaim, Paul E
Subject:

Nice of Schultz to call Wal-Mart, Costco and Safeway.

Starbucks , which has turned around its U.S. business after stumbling in the recession, wants greater control over its brand in supermarkets as it seeks new avenues for growth.

