

Pinsak Christopher P
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Pinsak Christopher P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BJ's RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/04/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Sr. Regional VP, Operations

(Street)
 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2012 | | A | 908 (2) | \$ 45.32 | D | |

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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 45.32 | 01/04/2012 | | A | 2,480 | 01/04/2013 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/04/2022 | Common Stock | 2,480 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 37.03 | | | | | 12/29/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/29/2020 | Common Stock | 2,931 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 18.86 | | | | | 12/30/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/30/2019 | Common Stock | 10,083 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 10.11 | | | | | 12/31/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2018 | Common Stock | 9,600 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 16.63 | | | | | 01/02/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/02/2018 | Common Stock | 5,432 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 19.96 | | | | | 01/03/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pinsak Christopher P 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647 | | | Sr. Regional VP, Operations | |

Signatures

/s/Dianne Scott Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher P.
Pinsak

01/05/2012

__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) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 1/4/2013.

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