

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

(Street)

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. Regional VP, Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	12/29/2011		F	80	D	\$ 5,756	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
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
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 23.26					01/04/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 01/04/2017	Common Stock	5,000

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

12/30/2011

__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) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.

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