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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI] A Pinsak Christopher P (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7755 CENTER (Check all applicable) **AVENUE, Â SUITE 300** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Sr. Regional VP, Operations Person HUNTINGTON Form filed by More than One BEACH. CAÂ 92647 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 5,836 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of Ow	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non Qualified Stock Options	12/29/2011(2)	12/29/2020	Common Stock	2,931	\$ 37.03	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	12/30/2010(2)	12/30/2019	Common Stock	10,083	\$ 18.86	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	12/31/2009(2)	12/31/2018	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 10.11	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	01/02/2009(2)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	5,432	\$ 16.63	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	01/03/2008(2)	01/03/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 19.96	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	01/04/2007(2)	01/04/2017	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 23.26	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
reporting 6 wher runner, runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pinsak Christopher P 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647	Â	Â	Sr. Regional VP, Operations	Â

Signatures

Dianne Scott Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher P.
Pinsak
02/10/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These shares represent restricted stock options awards. 2,256 shares vesting in five equal installments beginning 1/2/2009; 2,500 shares vesting in five equal installments beginning on 12/31/2009; 1,080 shares vesting in five equal installments beginning on 12/29/2011.
- (2) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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