

PUCHNER ALEX  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PUCHNER ALEX**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300**  
  
(Street)  
**HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]**  
  
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/04/2012**  
  
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. Vice President Brewing Ops**  
  
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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, no par value	01/04/2012		A	795 <sup>(3)</sup>	A \$ 45.32	8,095	D
Common Stock, no par value						73,218	I By Trust

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)

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 Option	\$ 45.32	01/04/2012		A	2,170	01/04/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/04/2022	Common Stock 2,170
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 37.03					12/29/2011 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/29/2020	Common Stock 2,565
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 18.86					12/30/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/30/2019	Common Stock 10,083
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 13.57					02/09/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/15/2014	Common Stock 2,500
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 15.5					02/22/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock 4,570
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 23.26					01/04/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/04/2016	Common Stock 10,000
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 19.96					01/03/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/03/2017	Common Stock 7,500
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.63					01/02/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/02/2018	Common Stock 4,707

Non  
 Qualified Stock Options \$ 10.11 12/31/2009<sup>(1)</sup> 12/31/2018 Common Stock 10,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCHNER ALEX 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647			Sr. Vice President Brewing Ops	

## Signatures

/s/Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Alexander M. Puchner	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) The options vest 33 1/3% per year beginning on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 1/4/2013.

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