

BJs RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
BASSI PETER A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7755 CENTER AVENUE  
(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)  
01/15/2009

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)

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)
Common Stock, no par value				(A) or (D) Price	15,000	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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 14.68					08/31/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/31/2014	Common Stock 2
Non-Qualified Stock Options(right to buy)	\$ 14.94					01/15/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/15/2015	Common Stock 5
Non-Qualified Stock Options(right to buy)	\$ 23.61					01/17/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/17/2016	Common Stock 3
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 20.81					01/16/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/16/2017	Common Stock 4
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 12.78					01/15/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/15/2018	Common Stock 6
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 9.37	01/15/2009		A	6,481	01/15/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/15/2019	Common Stock 6

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASSI PETER A 7755 CENTER AVENUE HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647			X	

## Signatures

Dianne Scott Attorney-in-fact for Peter A. Bassi 01/20/2009

\*\*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 50% per year beginning on the first anniversary (8/31/2005) of the date of grant (8/31/2004).

(2) The options vest 33 1/3% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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