

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)  
12/31/2008

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					51,455 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	12/31/2008		A	5,000 A	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup> 10.11	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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 3.65					06/08/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/08/2011	Common Stock 75,000
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 13.57					02/09/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/15/2014	Common Stock 2,500
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 15.5					02/22/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock 4,570
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 23.26					01/04/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/04/2016	Common Stock 10,000
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 19.96					01/03/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/03/2017	Common Stock 7,500
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 16.63					01/02/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/02/2018	Common Stock 4,700
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 10.11	12/31/2008		A	10,500	12/31/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/31/2018	Common Stock 10,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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7755 CENTER AVENUE  
SUITE 300  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

Sr. Vice President Brewing Ops

## Signatures

Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Alex  
Puchner

01/15/2009

\_\_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 33 1/3% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The options vest 33 1/3% per year beginning on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 12/31/2009.
- (5) Of this amount 1955 shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 1/2/2009 and 49,500 shares are held in by Trust.

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