

LEVIN GREGORY
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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 *
LEVIN GREGORY

(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)
Exec VP and CFO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					12,526 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2008		A	15,000 A	\$ 10.11	15,000 ⁽³⁾	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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 20.74					09/06/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 09/06/2015	Common Stock 100,0
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 19.96					01/03/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 01/03/2017	Common Stock 10,0
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 16.63					01/02/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 01/02/2018	Common Stock 25,3
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 10.11	12/31/2008		A	15,000	12/31/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 12/31/2018	Common Stock 15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEVIN GREGORY 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647			Exec VP and CFO	

Signatures

Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Gregory S. Levin
 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 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Of this amount, 10,526 shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 1/2/2009 and 2,000 shares held directly by Mr. Levin.
- (3) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the transaction date.

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