

BJs RESTAURANTS INC  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Norton Thomas F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

16162 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 100

(Street)

HUNTINGTON BEACH,Â CAÂ 92647

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/11/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Chief Human Resources Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

|                 |                           |            |        |        |           |   |   |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock    | 09/11/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/11/2016 | Common | 50,000 | \$ 18.324 | D | Â |
| Purchase Option |                           |            | Stock  |        |           |   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Norton Thomas F<br>16162 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 100<br>HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Human Resources Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Dianne Scott Attorney-in-fact for Thomas F.<br>Norton | 09/15/2006 |
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\_\_\_\_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) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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