Ottinger Lea Anne Form 4 January 17, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ottinger Lea Anne

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

(Street)

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(N	Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 23.95							08/16/2011	08/16/2020	Common Stock	25,000 (1)
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 35.78							01/18/2012	01/18/2021	Common Stock	2,968 (2)
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 45.37	01/15/2012		A		2,483		01/15/2013	01/15/2022	Common Stock	2,483 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ottinger Lea Anne							
7755 CENTER AVENUE	X						
SUITE 300	Λ						
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647							

Signatures

/s/Dianne Scott Attorney-in-Fact for Lea Anne S. 01/17/2012 Ottinger **Signature of Reporting Person

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

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