

BJs RESTAURANTS INC
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FORM 4

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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MOTENKO PAUL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

16162 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 100

(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)
03/15/2006

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)
Co-Chairman, VP, Secretary

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, no par value	03/15/2006		M		35,500	A	\$ 2.75
Common Stock, no par value	03/15/2006		S		35,500 (2)	D	\$ 25.06

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)
Stock Options	\$ 2.75	03/15/2006		M	35,500	12/20/2000 12/31/2006	stock options 327,179
Stock Options	\$ 19.38					06/27/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 06/27/2015	stock options 85,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOTENKO PAUL A 16162 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 100 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647	X		Co-Chairman, VP, Secretary	

Signatures

Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Paul A. Motenko
 03/17/2006
 __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 as follows: (i) 34,000 shares upon grant, (ii) 17,000 shares on December 31, 2007, (iii) 17,000 shares on December 31, 2008 and (iv) 17,000 shares on December 31, 2009.
- (2) The shares were sold under a stock trading plan pursuant to, and intended to comply with, Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under the terms of the plan, up to 80,000 shares may be sold during the period from March 14, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

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