BJs RESTAURANTS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MOTENKO PAUL A Issuer Symbol BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 16162 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 100 03/16/2006 below) Co-Chairman, VP, Secretary (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative s	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, no par value	03/16/2006		M	19,750	A	\$ 2.75	214,628	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/16/2006		S	19,750 (2)	D	\$ 25.02	194,878	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 2.75	03/16/2006		M		19,750	12/20/2000	12/31/2006	stock options	291,679
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

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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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