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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI] Johnson John A (Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7755 CENTER (Check all applicable) **AVENUE, Â SUITE 300** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Chief Information Officer Person HUNTINGTON Form filed by More than One BEACH. CAÂ 92647 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 4,270 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I)

Shares (Instr. 5)

Non Qualified Stock **Options**

Common 10/26/2011 10/26/2020 Stock

10,661 (2) \$ 35.13

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Johnson John A

7755 CENTER AVENUE Â Â A Chief Information Officer A SUITE 300

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAÂ 92647

Signatures

Dianne Scott Attorney-in-Fact for John A. 10/27/2010 Johnson

> **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) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments beginning on 10/26/2011.
- (2) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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