Nichols Wesley A. Form 4 January 16, 2018

#### FORM 4

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Common

Stock

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Nichols Wesley A. |  |                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI] |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                             |  |   |
|--|--|----------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| (Last)   | (First) (                              | Middle)        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                       |  |   | (Che   | ck all applicable  |   |
| 7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300                                |  |                | 01/15/2018   |  |   | Officer (give below)   | e titleOtho  | er (specify   |
|  |  | 4. If Amer     | ndment, Dat  | e Original                             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check                           |  |  |   |
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| (City)   | (State)                                | (Zip)          | Table  | e I - Non-De                           | erivative Securities Acq  | uired, Disposed o  | of, or Beneficial  | ly Owned  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                         | 2. Transaction Dat<br>(Month/Day/Year) | ) Executio any |  | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Code V

A

(A)

or

(D)

Price

37.7

Amount

1,327

(1)

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

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

D

7,679 (2)

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

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Y | e                  | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                 |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                               | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Share |
| Non-Qualifie<br>Stock Option                        | * 3//   | 01/15/2018                              | 01/15/2018  | A                                      | 4,652<br>(3)  | 01/15/2019  | 01/15/2028         | Common<br>Stock  | 4,6                             |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| reporting 6 (into a realizable)  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |
| Nichols Wesley A.<br>7755 CENTER AVENUE<br>SUITE 300<br>HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647 | X             |           |         |       |  |

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Jacob J. Guild, Attorney-in-Fact for Wesley A. Nichols

01/16/2018 Date

\*\*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) These shares represent a Restricted Stock Unit award vesting in three equal installments beginning on January 15, 2019. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) Amount includes 2,568 of unvested Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) These stock options vest 33.3% per year beginning on January 15, 2019.

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