

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Tunnessen James E <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES STREET <small>(Street)</small> SYRACUSE, NY 13203 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">8/22/2012</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP - Pollo Tropical
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		1700	D	\$16.85	80872	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		3385	D	\$16.84	77487	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		97	D	\$16.83	77390	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		600	D	\$16.82	76790	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		1100	D	\$16.81	75690	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		3140	D	\$16.8	72550	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		101	D	\$16.79	72449	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		200	D	\$16.76	72249	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		500	D	\$16.73	71749	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		102	D	\$16.70	71647	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		200	D	\$16.69	71447	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		2800	D	\$16.68	68647	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		4200	D	\$16.67	64447	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		2000	D	\$16.66	62447	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		600	D	\$16.65	61847	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		1200	D	\$16.64	60647	D	

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		1403	D	\$16.63	59244	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		814	D	\$16.61	58430	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8/22/2012		S		10210	D	\$16.60	48220	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)						

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tunnessen James E C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET SYRACUSE, NY 13203			EVP - Pollo Tropical	

Signatures

/s/ James E. Tunnessen

8/23/2012

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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