

Tunnessen James E  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Tunnessen James E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES STREET

(Street)

SYRACUSE, NY 13203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

08/22/2012

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)

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012		S		1,700	D	\$ 16.85
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012		S		3,385	D	\$ 16.84
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012		S		97	D	\$ 77,390 16.83

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value							
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	600	D	\$ 16.82	76,790	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 16.81	75,690	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	3,140	D	\$ 16.8	72,550	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	101	D	\$ 16.79	72,449	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	200	D	\$ 16.76	72,249	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	500	D	\$ 16.73	71,749	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	102	D	\$ 16.7	71,647	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	200	D	\$ 16.69	71,447	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	2,800	D	\$ 16.68	68,647	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	4,200	D	\$ 16.67	64,447	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	2,000	D	\$ 16.66	62,447	D

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Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	600	D	\$ 16.65	61,847	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	1,200	D	\$ 16.64	60,647	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	1,403	D	\$ 16.63	59,244	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	814	D	\$ 16.61	58,430	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	08/22/2012	S	10,210	D	\$ 16.6	48,220	D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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

08/23/2012

\*\*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).

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