

Tunnessen James E
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/22/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Pollo Tropical

(Street)
 SYRACUSE, NY 13203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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).

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