Tunnessen James E Form 4 August 27, 2012

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Tunnessen	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 7300 NORTH KENDALL DRIVE, 8TH FLOOR			(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2012					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Pollo Tropical			
				Amendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(State) 2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Yo	ear) Executi any	emed	ed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Benefic Owned Indirect (I) Owners Following (Instr. 4) Reported				
Common Stock, \$0.01 par	08/24/2012			Code	V	Amount 400	or (D)	Price \$ 16.06	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 47,820	D		
value Common Stock, \$0.01 par	08/24/2012			S		100	D	\$ 16.02	47,720	D		
value Common Stock, \$0.01 par	08/24/2012			S		3,174	D	\$ 16	44,546	D		

value

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)) Derivativo	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	;		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or	
									Number	
									of	
				Code V	I(A)(D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tunnessen James E C/O FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 7300 NORTH KENDALL DRIVE, 8TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33156

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Signatures

/s/ James E. 08/27/2012 Tunnessen

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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