

Ortiz Steven L
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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 *
 Ortiz Steven L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TEXAS ROADHOUSE,
 INC., 6040 DUTCHMANS LANE

(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Texas Roadhouse, Inc. [TXRH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/21/2012

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)

Chief Operating Officer

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	08/21/2012		M		47,900	A \$ 8.75	242,419 D
Common Stock	08/21/2012		S		47,900	D \$ 17.51	194,419 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)					(3) (3)	Common Stock 60,000
Restricted Stock Units	(2)					(4) (4)	Common Stock 60,000
Restricted Stock Units	(2)					(5) (5)	Common Stock 60,000
Restricted Stock Units	(2)					(3) (3)	Common Stock 58,333
Option to Purchase	\$ 8.75	08/21/2012		M	47,900	10/08/2007 10/08/2014	Common Stock 47,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ortiz Steven L
C/O TEXAS ROADHOUSE, INC.
6040 DUTCHMANS LANE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Celia Catlett, by Power of Attorney

08/21/2012

__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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- Weighted average sale price reported. These shares were sold within a range of \$17.50 and \$17.53. The reporting person will provide
- (1) upon request by the Commission Staff, the issuer, or security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a conditional right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.
 - (3) The restricted stock units vest on January 7, 2013. Delivery of the shares to the reporting person will occur on January 7, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company.
 - (4) The restricted stock units vest on January 7, 2014. Delivery of the shares to the reporting person will occur on January 7, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company.
 - (5) The restricted stock units vest on January 7, 2015. Delivery of the shares to the reporting person will occur on January 7, 2015, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company.
 - (6) Granted pursuant to a compensatory benefit plan.

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