

RISK J FRED  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
RISK J FRED

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7801 N. PENNSYLVANIA ST.

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46240

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2009

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 55,529 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 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)**

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| 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option                                     | \$ 18.26   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 11/17/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Option                                     | \$ 19.22   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/08/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 11/08/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Option                                     | \$ 17.72   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/06/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | Common Stock | 5,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RISK J FRED<br>7801 N. PENNSYLVANIA ST.<br>INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46240 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Barry C. Paige,  
Attorney-in-Fact 04/28/2009

         \*\*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).
- (1) These Options vest at a rate of 20% on date of grant and 20% each anniversary thereafter until fully vested. This vesting schedule survives Mr. Risk's 4-24-09 retirement from the Board.
- (2) These options vest at a rate of 25% on the first anniversary of the grant and an equal amount each year thereafter until fully vested. This vesting schedule survives Mr. Risk's 4-24-09 retirement from the Board.
- (3) The restricted shares granted on 10-20-08 (2062 shares) and on 2-13-09 (1509 shares) vested immediately upon Mr. Risk's 4-24-09 retirement from the Board of Directors. These shares were granted as payment of the Board retainer fees under the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, a plan approved by the Company's shareholders.

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