

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.)¹

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

268603107

(CUSIP Number)

July 18, 2023

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Sardar Biglari	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 3,277,064
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,277,064
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,277,064	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 9.1%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Biglari Capital Corp.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Texas	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 3,277,064
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,277,064
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,277,064	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 9.1%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON The Lion Fund II, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 3,277,064
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,277,064
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
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10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
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12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”).

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer’s Principal Executive Offices:

3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence

Item 2(c). Citizenship

Sardar Biglari
19100 Ridgewood Parkway, Suite 1200
San Antonio, Texas 78259
Citizenship: United States

Biglari Capital Corp. (“BCC”)
19100 Ridgewood Parkway, Suite 1200
San Antonio, Texas 78259
Citizenship: Texas

The Lion Fund II, L.P. (“Lion Fund II”)
19100 Ridgewood Parkway, Suite 1200
San Antonio, Texas 78259
Citizenship: Delaware

Each of the foregoing is referred to as a “Reporting Person” and collectively as the “Reporting Persons.”

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Shares”).

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

268603107

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- /x/ Not applicable.
- (a) // Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) // Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) // Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) // Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) // An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) // An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) // A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) // A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
- (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act.
- (j) // A non-U.S. institution, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- (k) // Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: _____

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:

As of the close of business on July 28, 2023, Lion Fund II beneficially owned 3,277,064 Shares.

Each of (i) BCC, as the general partner of Lion Fund II, and (ii) Mr. Biglari, as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and sole owner of BCC, may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Lion Fund II.

Each Reporting Person, as a member of a “group” with the other Reporting Persons for the purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the Shares directly owned by the other Reporting Persons. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein. The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of any Shares owned by another Reporting Person.

- (b) Percent of class:

The following percentages are based on 36,025,228 Shares outstanding as of April 28, 2023, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as disclosed in the Issuer’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2023.

As of the close of business on July 28, 2023, Lion Fund II beneficially owned approximately 9.1% of the outstanding Shares and each of BCC and Mr. Biglari, by virtue of their relationships described above, may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 9.1% of the outstanding Shares.

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary That Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

See Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: July 28, 2023

/s/ Sardar Biglari

SARDAR BIGLARI

BIGLARI CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari

Name: Sardar Biglari

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

THE LION FUND II, L.P.

By: Biglari Capital Corp., its general partner

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari

Name: Sardar Biglari

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13G dated July 28, 2023 with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any further amendments thereto executed by each and any of the undersigned shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: July 28, 2023

/s/ Sardar Biglari

SARDAR BIGLARI

BIGLARI CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari

Name: Sardar Biglari

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

THE LION FUND II, L.P.

By: Biglari Capital Corp., its general partner

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari

Name: Sardar Biglari

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer