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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUSSELL R DARREL	Â 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY,Â P.O. BOX 8811	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2012	____ Director ____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below) Chief Credit Officer
(Street) LITTLE ROCK,Â ARÂ 72231-8811	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (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) (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			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/25/2012	Â	M	Â	3,400	A	$17.71	10,400	D	Â
Common Stock	04/25/2012	Â	S	Â	3,400	D	$31.5	7,000	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	51,682	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 04/25/2012
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,347	I	Shares held by Spouse at 04/25/2012

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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$17.71	04/25/2012	Â	M	Â	Â	3,400	11/07/2008	11/07/2012	Common Stock	3,400	$17.71	0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Â Director	Â 10% Owner	Â Officer	Â Other
RUSSELL R DARREL 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK,Â ARÂ 72231-8811	Â	Â	Â Chief Credit Officer	Â

Signatures

Â /s/ R. Darrel Russell	Â 04/26/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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