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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 * McKinney Gregory L		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) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Officer & CAO <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 8811		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2012								
(Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	07/18/2012	^	M	^	4,600	A	\$16.028	18,000	D	^
Common Stock	07/18/2012	^	S	^	4,600	D	\$34.35	13,400	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	2,020	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 7/18/2012

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)		
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.028	07/18/2012	^	M	^	^	4,600	10/17/2009	10/17/2013	Common Stock	4,600	\$16.028	0	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	^ Director	^ 10% Owner	^ Officer	^ Other
McKinney Gregory L	^	^	^ Chief Financial Officer & CAO	^

17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811				
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Signatures

<u>/s/ Gregory L. McKinney</u> <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<u>07/19/2012</u> <small>Date</small>
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- * 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).

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