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FORM 4

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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			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 type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Credit Officer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2017					
17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 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		
(Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811								
(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			
Common Stock	01/24/2017	^	M	^	10,000	A	\$15.9275	34,524	D	^
Common Stock	01/24/2017	^	S	^	10,000	D	\$54	24,524	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	81,942	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 1/24/2017
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	9,308	I	Shares held by Spouse in 401(k) at 1/24/2017

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.9275	01/24/2017	^	M	^	10,000	11/05/2015	11/05/2019	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 0	0	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUSSELL R DARREL 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811			Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

<u>/s/ Darrel R. Russell</u> <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<u>01/25/2017</u> <small>Date</small>
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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
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