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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Thomas Dan (Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, ^ P.O. BOX 8811 (Street) LITTLE ROCK, ^ AR ^ 72231-8811 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]
4. 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 Lending Officer		5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	^
Common Stock	3,200 ⁽²⁾	D	^
Common Stock	1,400 ⁽³⁾	D	^
Common Stock	252	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 08/21/2012

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/18/2014	10/18/2018	Common Stock	7,000	\$23.685	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/19/2013	10/19/2017	Common Stock	3,200	\$18.835	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	4,000	\$13.535	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thomas Dan 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811	Â	Â	Â Chief Lending Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Dan Thomas _____ 08/22/2012
 **Signature of Reporting Person _____ Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a

(1) substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 10/18/2014, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a

(2) substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 10/19/2013, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a

(3) substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 10/20/2012, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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