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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 * HASTINGS JAY SCOTT			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) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President Leasing Division			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)							
17901	CHENAL	PARKWAY,	11/08/2011							
(Street)			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			
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			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/08/2011	^	M	^	400	A	\$15.52	7,232	D	^
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/08/2011	^	M	^	3,000	A	\$13.535	10,232	D	^
Common Stock	11/08/2011	^	S	^	3,400	D	\$26.45	6,832	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	2,328	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 11/08/2011

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)				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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.52	11/08/2011	^	M	^	^	400	10/16/2010	10/16/2014	Common Stock	400	\$15.52	0	D	^
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.535	11/08/2011	^	M	^	^	3,000	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	3,000	\$13.535	0	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HASTINGS JAY SCOTT 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811			President Leasing Division	

Signatures

<u>/s/ Jay Scott Hastings</u> <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<u>11/09/2011</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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