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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Whipple Ross M | | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PKWY., P.O. BOX 8811 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2015 | | | |
| (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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2015 | ^ | S | ^ | 6,818 | D | \$40.5001(1) | 1,275,278 | I | By LLLP |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2015 | ^ | S | ^ | 2,582 | D | \$39.85 | 1,272,696 | I | By LLLP |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2015 | ^ | S | ^ | 15,000 | D | \$40.2653(2) | 1,257,696 | I | By LLLP |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 74,386 | D | ^ |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|---|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Whipple Ross M 17901 CHENAL PKWY. P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| <u>/s/ Ross M. Whipple</u> | <u>04/20/2015</u> |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple trades on April 16, 2015 at prices ranging from \$40.50 to \$40.505, inclusive.

(1) The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide to Bank of the Ozarks, Inc., a shareholder of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple trades on April 17, 2015 at prices ranging from \$40.265 to \$40.275, inclusive.

(2) The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide to Bank of the Ozarks, Inc., a shareholder of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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