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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * James Dennis R			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) EVP/Director of M & A		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017					
17901 CHENAL PARKWAY								
(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 72223								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	01/18/2017	^	A	^	4,032	A	\$ 0	37,502	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	8,383	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/18/2017
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	10,730	I	Shares held by Spouse

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$52.08	01/18/2017	^	A	^	4,032	^	01/18/2020 01/18/2024	Common Stock	4,032	\$ 0	4,032	D	^

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

James Dennis R 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223	Â	Â	Â EVP/Director of M & A	Â
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## Signatures

<u>Â /s/ Dennis R James</u> <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<u>Â 01/20/2017</u> <small>Date</small>
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## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock and Incentive Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of these shares vest on 01/18/2020, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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