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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 *
 Thomas Dan

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, Â P.O. BOX 8811

 (Street)

 LITTLE ROCK, Â ARÂ 72231-8811

 (City) (State) (Zip) | Â 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2017

 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 __X__ Director   ____ 10% Owner
 __X__ Officer (give title below)   ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice Chair & Chief Lending Off

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 __X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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	01/18/2017	Â	A	Â	32,258[(1)]	A	$ 0	130,361	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	875	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/18/2017

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$52.08	01/18/2017	Â	A	Â	32,258	Â	01/18/2020	01/18/2024	Common Stock	32,258	$ 0	32,258	D	Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Â /s/ Joseph I. Strack, as Attorney in Fact for Dan Thomas	Â 01/20/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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