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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GLEASON GEORGE G II			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2012					
17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. 8811								
(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			
Common Stock	11/05/2012		A		42,000	(D)	\$ 0	1,450,747	D	
Common Stock								78,816	I	Shares held by Spouse
Common Stock								2,400	I	Shares held in Trust for Adult Child(2)
Common Stock								1,285,600	I	Shares held in Gleason Trust
Common Stock								924,121	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 11/05/2012
Common Stock								90,062	I	Shares held by Trust which Mr. Gleason, his wife and descendants are beneficiaries

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					

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$31.855	11/05/2012	À	M	À	42,000	À	11/05/2015	11/05/2019	Common Stock	42,000	\$31.855	42,000	D	À
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	À Director	À 10% Owner	À Officer	À Other
GLEASON GEORGE G II 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. 8811 LITTLE ROCK, À AR À 72231-8811	À X	À X	À Chairman & CEO	À

Signatures

À /s/ George G. Gleason À 11/07/2012
**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 Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 11/05/2015, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.
- (2) 2,400 Shares formerly owned by Mr. Gleason as custodian for one of his adult children were transferred to a trust for the benefit of the adult child, in which Mr. Gleason is not the trustee and has no sole or shared voting or dispositive power over the shares. This transaction is exempt from Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to SEC Rule 16a-13.

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