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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hicks Timothy D			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) EVP / Chief of Staff <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2017			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				
(Street) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							
(City) (State) (Zip) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223			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	01/27/2017	^	M	^	3,600	A	\$15.9275	27,372	D	^
Common Stock	01/27/2017	^	S	^	2,700	D	\$55.8	24,672	D	^
Common Stock	01/27/2017	^	S	^	900	D	\$55.83	23,772	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	6,010	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 1/27/2017.
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	10	I	Shares held by Minor Child.

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)	\$15.9275	01/27/2017	^	M	^	^	3,600	11/05/2015	11/05/2019	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 0	0	D	^		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hicks Timothy D 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223			EVP / Chief of Staff	

Signatures

/s/ Timothy D. Hicks

Signature of Reporting Person

01/30/2017

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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