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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK] Vance Tyler A (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 17901 CHENAL (Check all applicable) PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 8811 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP/Retail Banking Person LITTLE Form filed by More than One ROCK, ARÂ 72231-8811 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 900 Common Stock 800 (1) D Shares held in 401(k) at Common Stock I 4.317 1/15/2010 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	1,200	\$ 27.07	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/16/2010	10/16/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 31.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/17/2009	10/17/2013	Common Stock	800	\$ 32.055	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Vance Tyler A						
17901 CHENAL PARKWAY	Â	Â	EVP/Retail	â		
P.O. BOX 8811	А	А	Banking	А		
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811						

# **Signatures**

/s/ Tyler A.
Vance

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial (1) risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 10/20/2012, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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