**ROSS MARK D** Form 4

February 10, 2011

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **ROSS MARK D** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BANK OF THE OZARKS INC

[OZRK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. **BOX 8811** 

(First)

02/09/2011

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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\_X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

below)

Vice Chairman, President, COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

#### LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/09/2011		Code V  M	Amount 2,500	(D)	Price \$ 28.63		D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/09/2011		M	2,300	A	\$ 33.6	62,200	D	
	02/09/2011		M	3,500	A	\$ 35.42	65,700	D	

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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)								
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/09/2011	M	5,000	A	\$ 32.055	70,700	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/09/2011	M	5,000	A	\$ 31.04	75,700	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2011	S	18,300	D	\$ 42.978	57,400	D	
Common Stock						32,159	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 02/09/2011
Common Stock						54,900	I	Shares held by Wife
Common Stock						145,200	I	Shares held by Holt Ross Children's Trust #5

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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Nurse Securi Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. and 5)	ivative ties red sed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and 2 Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

								of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.63	02/09/2011	M	2,500	09/28/2007	09/28/2011	Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.6	02/09/2011	M	2,300	01/25/2008	01/25/2012	Common Stock	2,300
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.42	02/09/2011	M	3,500	11/07/2008	11/07/2012	Common Stock	3,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.055	02/09/2011	M	5,000	10/17/2009	10/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.04	02/09/2011	M	5,000	10/16/2010	10/16/2014	Common Stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROSS MARK D 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811	X		Vice Chairman, President, COO				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Mark D. Ross 02/10/2011

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

### **Explanation of Responses:**

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

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