GLEASON LINDA D

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GLEASON LINDA D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

(Middle)

BANK OF THE OZARKS INC

[OZRK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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

02/17/2012

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify

Officer (give title below)

17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O.

(Street)

(First)

BOX 8811

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Secur	ities Acqui	ired, 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) ionor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/17/2012		M	19,500 A	\$ 17.71	4,306,088	I	Spouse's Dir/Indir Ownership
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S	19,500 D	\$ 29.738	4,286,588	I	Spouse's Dir/Indir Ownership
Common Stock						78,816	D	

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y			Amount of Securities 4)
Employee				Code V	,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 17.71	02/17/2012		M	19,500) 11/07/2008	11/07/2012	Common Stock	19,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GLEASON LINDA D						

17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811



Signatures

/s/ Linda D.

Buy)

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**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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