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See Instruction 1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A BIRMINGH KEARNEY	Symbol	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 220 LIBERT	, ,	iddle) 3. Date of (Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President			
	(Street)	endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)					
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(City)	(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)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion OnAcquirect Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (E) 4 and (A) or)) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/15/2012		Code V A	Amount 3,223	(D)	Price \$ 0	23,128	D			
Common	02/15/2012		A	1,741	A	\$ 0	24,869	D			

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY 220 LIBERTY STREET **WARSAW, NY 14569**

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for Martin K. Birmingham

02/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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