

FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KNOX E PHILLIPS**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [BUSE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

**201 W MAIN ST**  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2007**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**URBANA, IL 61801**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

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**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2007                           | 07/31/2007                                         | A                              | 17,352 A                                                          | \$ 19.45 266,656                                                                           | I                                                        | E. Phillips Knox, Trustee, E. Phillips Knox Trust 01/22/96 (1) |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2007                           | 12/03/2007                                         | G                              | 600 D                                                             | \$ 0 266,056                                                                               | I                                                        | E. Phillips Knox,                                              |

Trustee,  
E. Phillips  
Knox  
Trust  
01/22/96

Common Stock    Â                      Â                      Â                      Â                      Â                      Â                      4,700                      D                      Â

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) (D)                                                                                 | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                    | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares    |
| Common Stock                               | \$ 18.07                                               | Â                                    | Â                                                  | Â                              | Â    Â                                                                                  | 01/21/2005    12/15/2008                                 | Stock Option                                                  | 4,500                         |
| Common Stock                               | \$ 19.83                                               | Â                                    | Â                                                  | Â                              | Â    Â                                                                                  | 01/21/2006    12/15/2009                                 | Stock Option                                                  | 4,500                         |
| Common Stock                               | \$ 20.71                                               | Â                                    | Â                                                  | Â                              | Â    Â                                                                                  | 01/21/2009    12/15/2011                                 | Stock Option                                                  | 4,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KNOX E PHILLIPS<br>201 W MAIN ST<br>URBANA, IL 61801 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ E. Phillips  
Knox

02/13/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

(1) Received 17,352 shares of First Busey Corporation Common Stock in exchange for 1.55 shares of Main Street Trust, Inc. Common Stock in connection with the merger of First Busey Corporation and Main Street Trust, Inc. On the effective date of the merger, the closing price of First Busey Corporation was \$19.45 and Main Street Trust, Inc. was \$30.15.

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