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• /	7(a) of the	Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchang Public Utility Holding Company Act o of the Investment Company Act of 19	f 1935 or Section	L	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> FOSTER JESSE G		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANNER CORP [BANR]	5. Relationship of I Issuer		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended(Month/Day/Year)12/31/2008	(Check X Director Officer (give t below)) Owner er (specify
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joi (check	nt/Group Repo	C

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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, \$.01 par value per share	12/20/2006	Â	G <u>(1)</u>	275	D	\$ 43	58,230	D (2)	Â
Common Stock, \$.91 par value per share	08/02/2007	Â	G <u>(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 29.99	58,230	D (2)	Â

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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 Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	of
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	D
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Se
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		B
	Security				Acquired						0
	•				(A) or						E
					Disposed						Is
					of (D)						Fi
					(Instr. 3,						(I
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
					(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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Signaturas						

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/Jesse J. Foster 04/01/2009 <u>**</u>Signature of 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) Reflects a gift of shares indirectly owned by reporting person's spouse that was not reported by the reporting person on a Form 5 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (2) Includes direct ownership of 36,847 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 21,383 shares owned by the reporting person's spouse.

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