

ROSS MARK D  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman, President, COO

17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 8811

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811

(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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	11/16/2011		G	D	\$ 26.59	116,900	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/16/2011		M	A	\$ 13.535	121,600	D
Common Stock	11/16/2011		S	D	\$ 27	116,900	D
Employee Stock	11/17/2011		M	A	\$	117,065	D

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Stock Option (Right to Buy)						13.535		
Common Stock	11/17/2011	S	165	D	\$ 27	116,900	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/18/2011	M	5,135	A	\$ 13.535	122,035	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2011	S	5,135	D	\$ 26.803	116,900	D	
Common Stock						64,809	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 11/16/2011
Common Stock						109,800	I	Shares held by Wife
Common Stock						290,400	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. 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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock	\$ 13.535	11/16/2011		M	4,700	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	4,700

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option	\$ 13.535	11/17/2011		M	165	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	165
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(Right to  
Buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option	\$ 13.535	11/18/2011		M	5,135	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	5,135
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(Right to  
Buy)

## 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                      11/18/2011

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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