BANK OF THE OZARKS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HASTINGS JAY SCOTT	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) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 8811	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017	Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) Division			
(Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-88	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefic	cially 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 onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/18/2017		A	1,612 (1)	A	\$0	13,425	D	
Common Stock							7,166	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/18/2017.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.08	01/18/2017		A	1,612	01/18/2020	01/18/2024	Common Stock	1,612

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

President Leasing Division

Signatures

/s/ Jay Scott
Hastings

**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).
- These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock and Incentive Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of these shares vest on 01/18/2020, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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