

Vance Tyler A
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vance Tyler A (Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O. BOX 8811 (Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2010	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP/Retail Banking	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	900	D	^
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Common Stock	4,317	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 1/15/2010

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/16/2011	09/16/2015	Common Stock	1,200	\$ 27.07	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/16/2010	10/16/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 31.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/17/2009	10/17/2013	Common Stock	800	\$ 32.055	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vance Tyler A 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY P.O. BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811	Â	Â	Â EVP/Retail Banking	Â

Signatures

/s/ Tyler A. Vance
Date: 01/20/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial (1) risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of the shares vest on 10/20/2012, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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