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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shoptaw Robert L

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Check all applicable)

CORP [SFNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

05/28/2013

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227

21 RIVER RIDGE CIRCLE

| (City) | (State) | Ta Ta | able I - Non | ı-Derivati | ve Sec | curities A | cquired, Disposed | l of, or Benefic | ially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------|-----------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | (A) or | d of (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| SFNC | 05/28/2013 | | A | Amount 990 | (D) | \$ 25.64 | 2,965 | D | |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 2,400 | I | IRA-SFTC |

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. 6. Date Exercisable and ctionNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2007 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer Other | | | | |
| Shoptaw Robert L 21 RIVER RIDGE CIRCLE LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Shoptaw by Piper P. 05/29/2013 Erwin

**Signature of 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).

Date

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