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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BURTON PAUL G** Issuer Symbol **COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES** (Check all applicable) INC [COOP] _X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 201 MARKET STREET 10/22/2007 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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 WILMINGTON, NC 28401 Person (Ctata)

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - No	n-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (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)
Common Stock	10/22/2007		M	V	1,000	A	\$ 4.916	31,180 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2007		G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0	30,180 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2007		G	V	1,000	A	\$0	1,000	I	By Spouse

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.916 (3)	10/22/2007		M	1,000 (3)	07/15/1999(4)	07/15/2009	Common Stock	1,000 (3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12 <u>(5)</u>					12/29/2004(4)	12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500 (5)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.773 (6)					12/14/2005(4)	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000 (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Toporting o where the control of the	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BURTON PAUL G 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X						

Signatures

/s/ Burton, Paul
G. 10/22/2007

**Signature of Pate Reporting Person

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).

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- (1) On June 30, 2006, the common stock of Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 9,948 additional shares of common stock.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (3) This option was previously reported as covering 15,000 shares at an exercise price of \$7.373 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split on June 30, 2006.
- (4) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.
- (5) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$18.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split on June 30, 2007.
- (6) This option was previously reported as covering 2,000 shares at an exercise price of \$20.66 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split on June 30, 2007.

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