

GARDING ED
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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 *
GARDING ED

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST INTERSTATE
BANCSYSTEM INC [N/A]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 30918

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/05/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice Pres. & CCO

BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/05/2009		X	4,000 A \$ 42	19,528	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		X	4,000 A \$ 45	23,528	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		X	4,000 A \$ 49.5	27,528	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		D	8,599 (1) D \$ 79.75	18,929	D	

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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 42	01/05/2009		X	4,000	01/31/2002 02/01/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options	\$ 45	01/05/2009		X	4,000	01/29/2003 01/29/2013	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options	\$ 49.5	01/05/2009		X	4,000	02/04/2004 02/04/2014	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDING ED PO BOX 30918 BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918			Exec. Vice Pres. & CCO	

Signatures

/s/ Terrill R. Moore, Attorney-in-Fact for Reporting Person

02/12/2009

__Signature of 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).

(1) Includes 6,845 mature shares tendered in partial payment of option exercise price and 1,754 shares redeemed for payment of taxes.

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