

ZIONS BANCORPORATION /UT/
Form 4
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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 *
ALEXANDER BRUCE K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ZIONS BANCORPORATION /UT/
[ZION]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP and / Pres. of Subsidiary

ONE SOUTH MAIN STREET,
15TH FLOOR

(Street)

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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SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84133-1109

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/16/2011	A		782,222 (2)		01/15/2011 (3)	(3)	Common Stock	782,222

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALEXANDER BRUCE K ONE SOUTH MAIN STREET, 15TH FLOOR SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84133-1109			Exec VP and	Pres. of Subsidiary

Signatures

By Thomas E. Laursen as attorney in fact 12/20/2011

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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of ZION common stock.

These shares are issuable in respect of restricted stock units that represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deduction, and that were issued under the Zions Bancorporation 2005 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. For more information, please

(2) see the Current Report 8-K filed by Zions Bancorporation on January 26, 2011. Restricted stock units are 100% vested on the date of grant but are subject to transfer restrictions that lapse in two annual installments beginning on January 15, 2012 and that lapse in full on the reporting person's earlier death. These units will settle in cash payments.

(3) The Stock Units will be paid in cash in increments of 50% as of January 15, 2012 and 50% as of December 15, 2012.

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