

AMBROSE JOSEPH M
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
AMBROSE JOSEPH M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

201 W MAIN ST

(Street)

URBANA, IL 61801

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [BUSE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/10/2008		M		4,500	A	\$ 18.07
Common Stock	11/10/2008		F		4,136	D	\$ 19.66
Common Stock						I	3,445
							Custodian for Children

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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 18.07	11/10/2008		M	4,500	01/21/2005	12/15/2008	Stock Option	4,500
Common Stock	\$ 19.83					01/21/2006	12/15/2009	Stock Option	4,500
Common Stock	\$ 19.55					01/15/2008	12/15/2015	Stock Option	4,500
Common Stock	\$ 20.71					01/21/2009	12/15/2011	Stock Option	4,500
Common Stock	\$ 17.12					05/01/2009	12/15/2015	Stock Option	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AMBROSE JOSEPH M 201 W MAIN ST URBANA, IL 61801		X		

Signatures

/s/ Joseph M.
Ambrose 02/10/2009

**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).

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