

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
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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 *
PRINCE LARRY L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2999 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2011

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 22,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 21,090 | I | Spouse |

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. 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | 01/20/2011 | | A | 53.8213 | ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 53.82 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 64.57 | | | | | 11/13/2001 | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 54.28 | | | | | 02/11/2003 | 02/11/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Phantom Stock ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 9,338.0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PRINCE LARRY L 2999 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY ATLANTA, GA 30339 | | | X | |

Signatures

David W. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Larry L. Prince

01/24/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- The phantom stock units were accrued under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled upon
- (1) the reporting person's retirement. Directors fees are deferred into this plan and are accounted for as if invested in SunTrust common stock. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
 - (2) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
 - (3) Restricted stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan and the 2009 Stock Plan. Payments commence following the reporting person's departure from the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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