

Panther Thomas E
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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 *
Panther Thomas E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
303 PEACHTREE STREET
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2009

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)
SVP, Controller/ChiefAcct.Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,046.809	I	401(k) <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	5,810 A \$ 0	16,689	I	Restricted Stock <u>(2)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (1) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.

Restricted stock granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan, which is subject to certain vesting conditions. The restricted stock agreement contains tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 1,711 shares of restricted stock which will vest on 02/14/2009, 1,428 shares which vest on 2/13/2010, 2,000 shares which vest on 11/6/2011 and 5,810 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.

- (2) The phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (4) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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