

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
 SHAMBURGER JULIE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 [SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr Vice President & Controller

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TYLER, TX 75701

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2008 | | M | A | \$ 3,138 5.61 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust./Daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust./Son ML |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust/Son DK |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,610.12 | I | by ESOP |

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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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.61 | 05/19/2008 | | M | 3,138 | 10/15/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 10/15/2008 | Common Stock 3,138 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHAMBURGER JULIE SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701 | | | Sr Vice President & Controller | |

Signatures

Julie Shamburger 05/19/2008

**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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.

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