BURKE MICHAEL J

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI] À BURKE MICHAEL J (Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O UCBI, PO BOX 398 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _Other Person BLAIRSVILLE, GAÂ 30514 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One SVP & Treasurer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock (RSU's) $10,000 \frac{(1)}{}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative	erivative 2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Option to Purchase Common

08/01/2012(2) 08/01/2021 Â 10,000 \$ 11.2 D Common Stock Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURKE MICHAEL J

C/O UCBI Â Â SVP & Treasurer Â

PO BOX 398

BLAIRSVILLE, GAÂ 30514

Signatures

/s/ Lois J. Rich 11/17/2011 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) RSU's vest at 50% on August 1, 2014 and August 1, 2015.
- (2) Non-qualified stock option grant vests over four consecutive years from issue date at 25% per year on the grant anniversary date.

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