MAY J THOMAS

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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 MAY J THOMAS	* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2010	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO			
CORP, 501 MAIN STREET	4.164				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
PINE BLUFF, AR 71611					
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(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)	
SFNC	12/17/2010		G	6,180	D	\$ 29.26	168,207	D		
SFNC							8,605	D		
SFNC							5,200	I	IRA - Regions	
SFNC							14,306	I	IRA - Stephens	
SFNC							1,290	I	By 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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or]
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or Number		
					Exercisable	Date		of			
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MAY J THOMAS SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71611

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ J. Thomas May by Piper P. Erwin

**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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