Bartlett David L Form 4 November 16, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SFNC

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Bartlett David L Issuer Symbol SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL (Check all applicable) CORP [SFNC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL 11/15/2011 President and COO CORP, 501 MAIN STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PINE BLUFF, AR 71603 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Bartlett **SFNC** 11/15/2011 G 210 D Ι Family 1,375 25.26 Trust **SFNC** 15,717 D

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. 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 or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2011	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2012	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2013	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.78	07/26/2004		X	0	07/26/2008	07/26/2014	Common	600
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.78	07/26/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	07/26/2014	Common	2,400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2007	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2008	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2009	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	12/31/2005	05/24/2015	Common	444
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	360
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	360
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	360
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	360

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Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	360
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	3,000
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2008	05/31/2017	Common	480
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2009	05/31/2017	Common	480
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2010	05/31/2017	Common	480
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2011	05/31/2017	Common	480
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2012	05/31/2017	Common	480
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	1,284
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2010	05/28/2018	Common	1,284
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2011	05/28/2018	Common	1,284
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2012	05/28/2018	Common	1,284
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2013	05/28/2018	Common	1,284

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bartlett David L							
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP			President				
501 MAIN STREET			and COO				
PINE BLUFF, AR 71603							

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/s/David L. Bartlett by Piper P.
Erwin 11/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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