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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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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 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC] Bates Larry Lynn (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O SIMMONS FIRST (Check all applicable) NATIONAL CORP., Â 501 MAIN STREET 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **EVP** _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person PINE BLUFF. ARÂ 71601 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â **SFNC** 7,620 D Â **SFNC** 5,000 D Â **SFNC** 4,593 D 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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	1,000	\$ 26.19	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	1,250	\$ 30.31	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	
Bates Larry Lynn C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET	Â	Â	EVP	Â	
PINE BLUFF, AR 71601					

Signatures

/s/ Larry Lynn Bates by Piper P. Erwin 12/18/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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