

Howard Kevin Joseph  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Howard Kevin Joseph		(Month/Day/Year)	SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP [SNV]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.,Â P.O. BOX 120			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
COLUMBUS,Â GAÂ 31902			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Chief Credit Officer	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	13,026 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option	01/17/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/16/2011	Common Stock	13,915	\$ 12.35	D	Â
Stock Option	04/29/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/28/2012	Common Stock	16,056	\$ 12.38	D	Â
Stock Option	07/02/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2014	Common Stock	15,499	\$ 12.22	D	Â
Stock Option	06/17/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/16/2015	Common Stock	17,126	\$ 13.78	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howard Kevin Joseph SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP. P.O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902	Â	Â	Â Chief Credit Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Alana L. Griffin,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/03/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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) Includes 675 shares acquired through Issuer's 401(k) Plan, 1,545 shares acquired through Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, and 5,780 shares acquired through Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Stock option vested 100% on the three year anniversary of the grant date (January 17, 2001).
- (3) Stock option vested 100% on the three year anniversary of the grant date (April 29, 2002).
- (4) Stock option vested 100% on the three year anniversary of the grant date (July 2, 2004).
- (5) Stock option vested 100% on the three year anniversary of the grant date (June 17, 2005).

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