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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Panther Thomas E | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--|---------------------------------|------|--|----------------|----------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) 303 PEACH | (First) FREE STREE | (Middle) | 3. Date of (Month/Da 11/25/20 | • | | | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP, Controller/ChiefAcct.Off. | | | |
| ATLANTA, | 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 | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | I - Nor | ı-De | rivative S | ecurit | ties Acc | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | r) Execution | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securin Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) o 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) | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2009 | | | G | V | 220 | D | (1) | 1,626 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 1,065.088 | I | 401(k) (2) | |

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 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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units (4) | <u>(4)</u> | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 612.048 |
| Option (5) | \$ 51.125 | | | | | 11/14/2003 | 11/14/2010 | Common Stock | 1,950 |
| Option (5) | \$ 64.57 | | | | | 11/13/2004 | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock | 1,545 |
| Option (5) | \$ 54.28 | | | | | 02/11/2006 | 02/11/2013 | Common Stock | 2,400 |
| Option (5) | \$ 73.19 | | | | | 02/10/2007 | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Option (6) | \$ 73.14 | | | | | 02/08/2008 | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
|--------------------------------|---------------|

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Panther Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308

SVP, Controller/ChiefAcct.Off.

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Panther 11/30/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
- (1) This transaction is a gift.
- (2) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- Restricted stock held under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan and the 2009 Stock Plan which is subject to certain vesting conditions. The restricted stock agreement contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 1,428 shares of restricted stock which cliff vest on 2/13/2010, 2,000 shares which vest on 11/6/2011, 5,810 shares which vest on 02/10/2012 and 3,690 shares which vest on 8/11/2012.
- (4) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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