

GARDING ED
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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 *
GARDING ED

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST INTERSTATE
BANCSYSTEM INC [FIBK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 30918

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice Pres. & COO

BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	19,056	I	By 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	92,934	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	12/31/2011		D	2,708 ⁽²⁾	03/05/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 12/31/2029 ⁽¹⁾	Class A Common Stock	2,708

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDING ED PO BOX 30918 BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918			Exec. Vice Pres. & COO	

Signatures

/s/ TERRILL R. MOORE, Attorney in Fact for Reporting Person
 01/04/2012
 **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).
- On March 5, 2010, the Company recapitalized its existing common stock. The recapitalization included, among other things, a redesignation of existing common stock as Class B common stock, a four-for-one split of Class B common stock, and the creation of a
- (1) new class of common stock designated as Class A common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ stock market under the symbol "FIBK". The Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time into Class A Common stock on a share for share basis at the discretion of the holder. The conversion feature of the Class B common stock does not expire.
 - (2) Cancellation of unvested shares that did not vest because performance conditions were not met.

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