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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

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Commission File Number 0-15572

FIRST BANCORP  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or  
Organization)

56-1421916  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

341 North Main Street, Troy, North Carolina  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

27371-0508  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(910) 576-6171

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. T YES  
o NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). o YES  
o NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large Accelerated Filer     Accelerated Filer     Non-Accelerated Filer     Smaller Reporting Company  
(Do not check if a smaller

reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  YES  NO

The number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding on July 31, 2009 was 16,664,334.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

| (\$ in thousands-unaudited)   | June 30,<br>2009 | December<br>31,<br>2008<br>(audited) | June 30,<br>2008 |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                  |                                      |                  |
| Cash & due from banks, noninterest-bearing                                    | \$47,761         | 88,015                               | 32,255           |
| Due from banks, interest-bearing  | 151,520          | 105,191                              | 101,700          |
| Federal funds sold  | 25,710           | 31,574                               | 21,900           |
| Total cash and cash equivalents   | 224,991          | 224,780                              | 155,855          |
| Securities available for sale (costs of \$190,502, \$170,920, and \$158,200)  | 189,590          | 171,193                              | 156,626          |
| Securities held to maturity (fair values of \$24,374, \$15,811, and \$15,218) | 24,408           | 15,990                               | 15,376           |
| Presold mortgages in process of settlement                                    | 8,993            | 423                                  | 2,394            |
| Loans – non-covered   | 2,174,422        | 2,211,315                            | 2,166,840        |
| Loans – covered by FDIC loss share agreement                                  | 527,361          | –                                    | –                |
| Total loans   | 2,701,783        | 2,211,315                            | 2,166,840        |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses   | (33,185 )        | (29,256 )                            | (26,061 )        |
| Net loans   | 2,668,598        | 2,182,059                            | 2,140,779        |
| Premises and equipment  | 52,362           | 52,259                               | 50,607           |
| Accrued interest receivable   | 15,154           | 12,653                               | 12,396           |
| FDIC loss share receivable  | 241,369          | –                                    | –                |
| Goodwill  | 65,835           | 65,835                               | 65,835           |
| Other intangible assets   | 5,547            | 1,945                                | 2,160            |
| Other   | 20,864           | 23,430                               | 19,328           |
| Total assets  | \$3,517,711      | 2,750,567                            | 2,621,356        |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                  |                                      |                  |
| Deposits: Demand - noninterest-bearing  | \$271,669        | 229,478                              | 240,206          |
| NOW accounts  | 271,991          | 198,775                              | 200,355          |
| Money market accounts   | 449,007          | 340,739                              | 327,825          |
| Savings accounts  | 145,194          | 125,240                              | 136,229          |
| Time deposits of \$100,000 or more  | 844,626          | 592,192                              | 525,241          |
| Other time deposits   | 892,679          | 588,367                              | 586,621          |
| Total deposits  | 2,875,166        | 2,074,791                            | 2,016,477        |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase                                | 62,309           | 61,140                               | 41,110           |
| Borrowings  | 230,099          | 367,275                              | 326,006          |
| Accrued interest payable  | 4,001            | 5,077                                | 5,419            |
| Other liabilities   | 24,503           | 22,416                               | 15,667           |
| Total liabilities   | 3,196,078        | 2,530,699                            | 2,404,679        |

|   |             |           |           |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Commitments and contingencies   | -           | -         | -         |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |             |           |           |
| Preferred stock, no par value per share. Authorized: 5,000,000 shares |             |           |           |
| Issued and outstanding: 65,000 shares at June 30, 2009                | 65,000      | -         | -         |
| Discount on preferred stock   | (4,190      | ) -       | -         |
| Common stock, no par value per share. Authorized 20,000,000 shares    |             |           |           |
| Issued and outstanding: 16,655,577, 16,573,826, and 16,488,201 shares | 97,409      | 96,072    | 94,858    |
| Common stock warrants   | 4,592       | -         | -         |
| Retained earnings   | 167,424     | 131,952   | 127,042   |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)                         | (8,602      | ) (8,156  | ) (5,223  |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 321,633     | 219,868   | 216,677   |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity                            | \$3,517,711 | 2,750,567 | 2,621,356 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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First Bancorp and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Income

| (\$ in thousands, except share data-unaudited)             | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |        | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |        |
|--|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
|  | 2009                           | 2008   | 2009                         | 2008   |
| <b>INTEREST INCOME</b>                                     |                                |        |                              |        |
| Interest and fees on loans                                 | \$33,640                       | 34,814 | 66,192                       | 68,753 |
| Interest on investment securities:                         |                                |        |                              |        |
| Taxable interest income                                    | 1,682                          | 1,882  | 3,462                        | 3,639  |
| Tax-exempt interest income                                 | 192                            | 161    | 344                          | 329    |
| Other, principally overnight investments                   | 66                             | 276    | 105                          | 719    |
| Total interest income                                      | 35,580                         | 37,133 | 70,103                       | 73,440 |
| <b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>                                    |                                |        |                              |        |
| Savings, NOW and money market                              | 1,986                          | 2,424  | 4,121                        | 4,750  |
| Time deposits of \$100,000 or more                         | 4,769                          | 5,523  | 9,565                        | 11,298 |
| Other time deposits  | 4,469                          | 5,863  | 8,963                        | 12,162 |
| Other, primarily borrowings                                | 913                            | 1,822  | 1,901                        | 3,965  |
| Total interest expense                                     | 12,137                         | 15,632 | 24,550                       | 32,175 |
| Net interest income  | 23,443                         | 21,501 | 45,553                       | 41,265 |
| Provision for loan losses                                  | 3,926                          | 2,059  | 8,411                        | 3,592  |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses        | 19,517                         | 19,442 | 37,142                       | 37,673 |
| <b>NONINTEREST INCOME</b>                                  |                                |        |                              |        |
| Service charges on deposit accounts                        | 3,250                          | 3,462  | 6,224                        | 6,538  |
| Other service charges, commissions and fees                | 1,205                          | 1,068  | 2,326                        | 2,255  |
| Fees from presold mortgages                                | 293                            | 260    | 452                          | 458    |
| Commissions from sales of insurance and financial products | 337                            | 356    | 831                          | 755    |
| Data processing fees                                       | 36                             | 48     | 65                           | 98     |
| Gain from acquisition                                      | 53,830                         | -      | 53,830                       | -      |
| Securities gains (losses)                                  | (56 )                          | (16 )  | (119 )                       | (16 )  |
| Other gains (losses)                                       | (183 )                         | (28 )  | (151 )                       | 257    |
| Total noninterest income                                   | 58,712                         | 5,150  | 63,458                       | 10,345 |
| <b>NONINTEREST EXPENSES</b>                                |                                |        |                              |        |
| Salaries   | 6,646                          | 7,124  | 13,113                       | 13,843 |
| Employee benefits  | 2,906                          | 2,005  | 5,265                        | 3,840  |
| Total personnel expense                                    | 9,552                          | 9,129  | 18,378                       | 17,683 |
| Net occupancy expense                                      | 1,125                          | 1,043  | 2,213                        | 2,011  |
| Equipment related expenses                                 | 985                            | 1,021  | 1,966                        | 2,040  |
| Intangibles amortization                                   | 98                             | 123    | 196                          | 202    |
| Acquisition expenses                                       | 792                            | -      | 792                          | -      |
| Other operating expenses                                   | 6,651                          | 4,841  | 11,595                       | 8,812  |
| Total noninterest expenses                                 | 19,203                         | 16,157 | 35,140                       | 30,748 |

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income before income taxes                  | 59,026     | 8,435      | 65,460     | 17,270     |
| Income taxes                                | 23,008     | 3,157      | 25,361     | 6,463      |
| Net income                                  | 36,018     | 5,278      | 40,099     | 10,807     |
| Preferred stock dividends and accretion     | 1,022      | –          | 1,963      | –          |
| Net income available to common shareholders | \$34,996   | 5,278      | 38,136     | 10,807     |
| Earnings per common share:                  |            |            |            |            |
| Basic                                       | \$2.10     | 0.32       | 2.29       | 0.70       |
| Diluted                                     | 2.10       | 0.32       | 2.29       | 0.70       |
| Dividends declared per common share         | \$0.08     | 0.19       | 0.16       | 0.38       |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |            |            |            |            |
| Basic                                       | 16,636,769 | 16,470,975 | 16,622,697 | 15,425,787 |
| Diluted                                     | 16,672,989 | 16,535,358 | 16,658,917 | 15,497,429 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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First Bancorp and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

| (\$ in thousands-unaudited)  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |          | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |          |
|--|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
|  | 2009                           | 2008     | 2009                         | 2008     |
| Net income   | \$36,018                       | 5,278    | 40,099                       | 10,807   |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):                                     |                                |          |                              |          |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale:            |                                |          |                              |          |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period,<br>pretax | 2,335                          | (3,206 ) | (1,304 )                     | (1,676 ) |
| Tax benefit (expense)  | (911 )                         | 1,250    | 509                          | 654      |
| Reclassification to realized (gains) losses                            | 56                             | 16       | 119                          | 16       |
| Tax expense (benefit)  | (22 )                          | (6 )     | (46 )                        | (6 )     |
| Postretirement Plans:  |                                |          |                              |          |
| Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss                        | 205                            | 93       | 410                          | 186      |
| Tax expense  | (65 )                          | (36 )    | (145 )                       | (73 )    |
| Amortization of prior service cost and transition obligation           | 9                              | 9        | 18                           | 18       |
| Tax expense  | (3 )                           | (4 )     | (7 )                         | (8 )     |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)                                      | 1,604                          | (1,884 ) | (446 )                       | (889 )   |
| Comprehensive income   | \$37,622                       | 3,394    | 39,653                       | 9,918    |

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First Bancorp and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

| (In thousands, except<br>per share -<br>unaudited)                        | Common Stock       |                                |        |          | Common<br>Stock<br>Warrants | Retained<br>Earnings | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income<br>(Loss) | Total<br>Share-<br>holders'<br>Equity |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|   | Preferred<br>Stock | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Discount | Shares | Amount   |                             |                      |   |                                       |
| Balances, January 1,<br>2008  |                    |                                | 14,378 | \$56,302 |                             | 122,102              | (4,334 )  | 174,070                               |
| Net income  |                    |                                |        |          |                             | 10,807               |   | 10,807                                |
| Cash dividends<br>declared (\$0.38 per<br>common share)                   |                    |                                |        |          |                             | (5,867 )             |   | (5,867 )                              |
| Common stock<br>issued under stock<br>option plans                        |                    |                                | 28     | 376      |                             |                      |   | 376                                   |
| Common stock<br>issued into dividend<br>reinvestment plan                 |                    |                                | 23     | 415      |                             |                      |   | 415                                   |
| Common stock<br>issued in acquisition                                     |                    |                                | 2,059  | 37,592   |                             |                      |   | 37,592                                |
| Tax benefit realized<br>from exercise of<br>nonqualified stock<br>options |                    |                                |        | 28       |                             |                      |   | 28                                    |
| Stock-based<br>compensation   |                    |                                |        | 145      |                             |                      |   | 145                                   |
| Other comprehensive<br>income   |                    |                                |        |          |                             |                      | (889 )  | (889 )                                |
| Balances, June 30,<br>2008  |                    |                                | 16,488 | \$94,858 |                             | 127,042              | (5,223 )  | 216,677                               |
| Balances, January 1,<br>2009  | \$                 |                                | 16,574 | \$96,072 |                             | 131,952              | (8,156 )  | 219,868                               |
| Net income  |                    |                                |        |          |                             | 40,099               |   | 40,099                                |
| Preferred stock<br>issued   | 65,000             | (4,592 )                       |        |          |                             |                      |   | 60,408                                |
| Common stock<br>warrants issued   |                    |                                |        |          | 4,592                       |                      |   | 4,592                                 |
| Common stock<br>issued under stock<br>option plans                        |                    |                                | 33     | 303      |                             |                      |   | 303                                   |

|  |          |          |        |          |          |         |                  |
|--|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Common stock issued into dividend reinvestment plan              | 49       | 650      |        |          |          |         | 650              |
| Cash dividends declared (\$0.16 per common share)                |          |          |        |          | (2,664 ) |         | (2,664 )         |
| Preferred dividends accrued                                      |          |          |        |          | (1,561 ) |         | (1,561 )         |
| Accretion of preferred stock discount                            | 402      |          |        |          | (402 )   |         |                  |
| Tax benefit realized from exercise of nonqualified stock options |          | 73       |        |          |          |         | 73               |
| Stock-based compensation   |          | 311      |        |          |          |         | 311              |
| Other comprehensive income                                       |          |          |        |          |          | (446 )  | (446 )           |
| Balances, June 30, 2009  | \$65,000 | (4,190 ) | 16,656 | \$97,409 | 4,592    | 167,424 | (8,602 ) 321,633 |

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| (\$ in thousands-unaudited)  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2009                         | 2008      |
| <b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>                                |                              |           |
| Net income   | \$40,099                     | 10,807    |
| Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                              |           |
| Provision for loan losses  | 8,411                        | 3,592     |
| Net security premium amortization (discount accretion)                     | 408                          | (134 )    |
| Net purchase accounting adjustments - discount accretion                   | (334 )                       | (366 )    |
| Loss on sale of securities available for sale                              | 119                          | 16        |
| Other gains, primarily the acquisition gain                                | (53,679 )                    | (257 )    |
| Increase in net deferred loan costs  | (121 )                       | (87 )     |
| Depreciation of premises and equipment                                     | 1,753                        | 1,724     |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 311                          | 145       |
| Amortization of intangible assets  | 196                          | 202       |
| Deferred income tax expense (benefit)                                      | 15,616                       | (733 )    |
| Origination of presold mortgages in process of settlement                  | (36,040 )                    | (35,402 ) |
| Proceeds from sales of presold mortgages in process of settlement          | 30,719                       | 34,675    |
| Decrease in accrued interest receivable                                    | 725                          | 1,546     |
| Decrease in other assets   | 1,489                        | 1,181     |
| Decrease in accrued interest payable                                       | (2,759 )                     | (894 )    |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities                                   | 3,387                        | (1,705 )  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                  | 10,300                       | 14,310    |
| <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>                                |                              |           |
| Purchases of securities available for sale                                 | (63,514 )                    | (85,996 ) |
| Purchases of securities held to maturity                                   | (9,720 )                     | (545 )    |
| Proceeds from maturities/issuer calls of securities available for sale     | 83,471                       | 77,459    |
| Proceeds from maturities/issuer calls of securities held to maturity       | 1,270                        | 2,157     |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale                       | -                            | 499       |
| Net decrease (increase) in loans   | 32,663                       | (91,581 ) |
| Proceeds from sales of foreclosed real estate                              | 1,992                        | 1,857     |
| Purchases of premises and equipment  | (1,631 )                     | (1,987 )  |
| Net cash received in acquisition   | 91,696                       | 2,461     |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities                           | 136,227                      | (95,676 ) |
| <b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>                                |                              |           |
| Net increase in deposits and repurchase agreements                         | 89,683                       | 32,203    |
| Proceeds from (repayments of) borrowings, net                              | (296,409 )                   | 43,064    |
| Cash dividends paid  | (5,616 )                     | (5,465 )  |
| Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock and common stock warrants        | 65,000                       | -         |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock                                     | 953                          | 791       |
| Tax benefit from exercise of nonqualified stock options                    | 73                           | 28        |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities                           | (146,316 )                   | 70,621    |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                           | 211                          | (10,745 ) |

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| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                 | 224,780   | 166,600  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period                       | \$224,991 | 155,855  |
| <b>Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:</b>      |           |          |
| Cash paid during the period for:                               |           |          |
| Interest   | \$27,309  | 32,766   |
| Income taxes   | 6,136     | 7,231    |
| Non-cash transactions:   |           |          |
| Unrealized loss on securities available for sale, net of taxes | (723 )    | (1,174 ) |
| Foreclosed loans transferred to other real estate              | 3,193     | 1,683    |

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

In the opinion of the Company, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company as of June 30, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated results of operations and consolidated cash flows for the periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. All such adjustments were of a normal, recurring nature. Reference is made to the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for a discussion of accounting policies and other relevant information with respect to the financial statements. The results of operations for the periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through August 10, 2009, the date the financial statements were issued.

Note 2 – Accounting Policies

Note 1 to the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC contains a description of the accounting policies followed by the Company and a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements. The following paragraphs update that information as necessary.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements” (Statement 157). Statement 157 provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The standard also requires expanded disclosures about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. As it relates to financial assets and liabilities, Statement 157 became effective for the Company as of January 1, 2008. For nonfinancial assets and liabilities, Statement 157 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2009. The Company’s adoption of Statement 157 on January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009 had no impact on the Company’s financial statements. See Note 13 for the disclosures required by Statement 157.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), “Business Combinations” (Statement 141(R)) which replaces Statement 141, “Business Combinations.” Statement 141(R) retains the fundamental requirement in Statement 141 that the acquisition method of accounting (formerly referred to as purchase method) be used for all business combinations and that an acquirer be identified for each business combination. Statement 141(R) defines the acquirer as the entity that obtains control of one or more businesses in the business combination and establishes the acquisition date as of the date that the acquirer achieves control. Statement 141(R) requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values. This Statement requires the acquirer to recognize acquisition-related costs and restructuring costs separately from the business combination as period expense. The Company adopted this statement on January 1, 2009 and applied its provisions to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed related to Cooperative Bank – see Note 4 for additional discussion.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 142-3, “Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets” (FSP 142-3). FSP 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.” The intent of FSP 142-3 is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized

intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS No. 141(R), "Business Combinations," and other U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. FSP 142-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after

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December 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years, and early adoption was prohibited. Accordingly, FSP 142-3 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2009. The adoption of FSP 142-3 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued three staff positions related to fair value which are discussed in the following three paragraphs below. Each of the positions became effective as of and for the periods ended June 30, 2009.

FSP SFAS 115-2 and SFAS 124-2, "Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments," ("FSP SFAS 115-2 and SFAS 124-2") categorizes losses on debt securities available-for-sale or held-to-maturity determined by management to be other-than-temporarily impaired as losses due to credit issues and losses related to all other factors. Other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) exists when it is more likely than not that the security will mature or be sold before its amortized cost basis can be recovered. An OTTI related to credit losses should be recognized through earnings. An OTTI related to other factors should be recognized in other comprehensive income. The FSP does not amend existing recognition and measurement guidance related to OTTI impairments of equity securities. Annual disclosures required in SFAS 115 and FSP SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1 are also required for interim periods (including the aging of securities with unrealized losses). Other than the required disclosures that are presented in Note 7, the adoption of this position did not impact the Company, but its provisions could impact the Company in future periods.

FSP SFAS 157-4, "Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That are Not Orderly" recognizes that quoted prices may not be determinative of fair value when the volume and level of trading activity has significantly decreased. The evaluation of certain factors may necessitate that fair value be determined using a different valuation technique. Fair value should be the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction, not a forced liquidation or distressed sale. If a transaction is considered to not be orderly, little, if any, weight should be placed on the transaction price. If there is not sufficient information to conclude as to whether or not the transaction is orderly, the transaction price should be considered when estimating fair value. An entity's intention to hold an asset or liability is not relevant in determining fair value. Quoted prices provided by pricing services may still be used when estimating fair value in accordance with SFAS 157; however, the entity should evaluate whether the quoted prices are based on current information and orderly transactions. Inputs and valuation techniques are required to be disclosed in addition to any changes in valuation techniques. The Company applied the provisions of this position in determining the fair market value of loans assumed in the Cooperative Bank acquisition – see Note 4 for additional discussion.

FSP SFAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, "Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments" requires disclosures about the fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods of publicly traded companies as well as in annual financial statements and also requires those disclosures in summarized financial information at interim reporting periods. A publicly traded company includes any company whose securities trade in a public market on either a stock exchange or in the over-the-counter market, or any company that is a conduit bond obligor. Additionally, when a company makes a filing with a regulatory agency in preparation for sale of its securities in a public market, it is considered a publicly traded company for this purpose. The Company has presented the fair value disclosures required by this position in Note 13.

In May 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 165 "Subsequent Events." The statement sets forth guidance concerning the recognition or disclosure of events or transactions that occur subsequent to the balance sheet date but prior to the release of the financial statements. The statement also defines "available to be issued" financial statements as financial statements that have received all the required approvals from management and other constituents. The statement sets forth that management of a public company must evaluate subsequent events for recognition and/or disclosure through the date of issuance, whereas private companies need only evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements became available to be issued. The statement also delineates between and defines the recognition and

disclosure requirements for Recognized Subsequent Events and Non-Recognized Subsequent Events. Recognized Subsequent Events provide additional evidence about conditions



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that existed as of the balance sheet date and will be recognized in the entity's financial statements. Non-Recognized Subsequent Events provide evidence about conditions that did not exist as of the balance sheet date and if material will warrant disclosure of the nature of the subsequent event and the financial impact. Statement No. 165 requires disclosure of the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and whether that date is the date the financial statements were issued or available to be issued. This statement is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009, and the Company has made the required disclosures in Note 1. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 166, "Accounting for the Transfer of Financial Assets and Amendment of FASB Statement No. 140 Instruments." Under FASB's Codification at ASC 105-10-65-1-d, SFAS No. 166 will remain authoritative until integrated into the FASB Codification. The statement removes the concept of a special purpose entity (SPE) from Statement 140 and removes the exception of applying FASB Interpretation 46 "Variable Interest Entities," to Variable Interest Entities that are SPEs. It limits the circumstances in which a transferor derecognizes a financial asset. The statement amends the requirements for the transfer of a financial asset to meet the requirements for "sale" accounting. The statement is effective for all interim and annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 167, "Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)." This Statement amends Interpretation 46(R) to require an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest give it a controlling financial interest in the variable interest entity. The statement is effective for all interim and annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On July 1, 2009, the FASB's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) Codification became effective as the sole authoritative source of US GAAP. This codification was issued under FASB Statement No. 168, "The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles—a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162." This Codification reorganizes current GAAP for non-governmental entities into a topical index to facilitate accounting research and to provide users additional assurance that they have referenced all related literature pertaining to a given topic. Existing GAAP prior to the Codification was not altered in compilation of the GAAP Codification. The GAAP Codification encompasses all FASB Statements of Financial Accounting Standards, Emerging Issues Task Force statements, FASB Staff Positions, FASB Interpretations, FASB Derivative Implementation Guides, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Positions, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins along with the remaining body of GAAP effective as of June 30, 2009. Financial Statements issued for all interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009 will need to reference accounting guidance embodied in the Codification as opposed to referencing the prior authoritative pronouncements. Accounting literature included in the codification is referenced by Topic, Subtopic, Section and Paragraph.

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Note 3 – Reclassifications

Certain amounts reported in the period ended June 30, 2008 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation for June 30, 2009. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or shareholders' equity for the periods presented, nor did they materially impact trends in financial information.



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Note 4 – Acquisition of Cooperative Bank

On June 19, 2009, the Company announced that First Bank, its banking subsidiary, had entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), as receiver for Cooperative Bank (sometimes referred to as “Cooperative”), Wilmington, North Carolina. Earlier that day, the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks issued an order requiring the closure of Cooperative Bank and appointing the FDIC as receiver. According to the terms of the agreement, First Bank acquired all deposits (except certain brokered deposits) and borrowings, and substantially all of the assets of Cooperative Bank and its subsidiary, Lumina Mortgage. All deposits were assumed by First Bank with no losses to any depositor.

Cooperative Bank operated through twenty-one branches in North Carolina and three branches in South Carolina with assets totaling approximately \$959 million and approximately 200 employees.

The loans and foreclosed real estate purchased are covered by two loss share agreements between the FDIC and First Bank, which affords First Bank significant loss protection. Under the loss share agreements, the FDIC will cover 80% of covered loan and foreclosed real estate losses up to \$303 million and 95% of losses in excess of that amount. The term for loss sharing on residential real estate loans is ten years, while the term for loss sharing on non-residential real estate loans is five years in respect to losses and eight years in respect to loss recoveries. The reimbursable losses from the FDIC are based on the book value of the relevant loan as determined by the FDIC at the date of the transaction. New loans made after that date are not covered by the shared-loss agreements.

First Bank received a \$123 million discount on the assets acquired and paid no deposit premium. The acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting in accordance with Statement 141(R). The statement of net assets acquired as of June 19, 2009 and the resulting gain are presented in the following table. The purchased assets and assumed liabilities were recorded at their respective acquisition date fair values, and identifiable intangible assets were recorded at fair value. Fair values are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as information relative to closing date fair values becomes available. The Company has recorded an estimated receivable from the FDIC in the amount of \$241.4 million, which represents the fair value of the FDIC’s portion of the losses that are expected to be incurred and reimbursed to the Company.

An acquisition gain totaling \$53.8 million resulted from the acquisition and is included as a component of noninterest income on the statement of income. The amount of the gain is equal to the amount by which the fair value of assets purchased exceeded the fair value of liabilities assumed.

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| (\$ in thousands)                          | As<br>Recorded<br>by<br>Cooperative<br>Bank | Fair<br>Value<br>Adjustments |     | As<br>Recorded<br>by<br>First<br>Bancorp |
|--|---|------------------------------|-----|--|
| <b>Assets</b>                              |   |                              |     |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$66,096                                    | –                            |     | 66,096                                   |
| Securities                                 | 40,189                                      | –                            |     | 40,189                                   |
| Presold mortgages                          | 3,249                                       | –                            |     | 3,249                                    |
| Loans                                      | 828,958                                     | (298,175 )                   | (a) | 530,783                                  |
| Core deposit intangible                    | –   | 3,798                        | (b) | 3,798                                    |
| FDIC loss share receivable                 | –   | 241,369                      | (c) | 241,369                                  |
| Foreclosed properties                      | 15,993                                      | (3,534 )                     | (d) | 12,459                                   |
| Other assets                               | 4,178                                       | (137 )                       | (e) | 4,041                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>958,663</b>                              | <b>(56,679 )</b>             |     | <b>901,984</b>                           |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                         |   |                              |     |  |
| Deposits                                   | \$706,139                                   | 5,922                        | (f) | 712,061                                  |
| Borrowings                                 | 153,056                                     | 6,409                        | (g) | 159,465                                  |
| Other                                      | 2,227                                       | 160                          | (e) | 2,387                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>861,422</b>                              | <b>12,491</b>                |     | <b>873,913</b>                           |
| Excess of assets received over liabilities | 97,241                                      | (69,170 )                    |     | 28,071                                   |
| Less: Asset discount                       | (123,000 )                                  |                              |     |  |
| Cash received from FDIC at closing         | 25,759                                      |                              |     | 25,759                                   |
| <b>Total gain recorded</b>                 |   |                              |     | <b>\$53,830</b>                          |

## Explanation of Fair Value Adjustments

- (a) This estimated adjustment is necessary as of the acquisition date to write down Cooperative's book value of loans to the estimated fair value as a result of future expected loan losses.
- (b) This fair value adjustment represents the value of the core deposit base assumed in the acquisition based on a study performed by an independent consulting firm. This amount was recorded by the Company as an identifiable intangible asset and will be amortized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the average life of the core deposit base, which is estimated to be 8 years.
- (c) This adjustment is the estimated fair value of the amount that the Company will receive from the FDIC under its loss sharing agreements as a result of future loan losses.
- (d) This is the estimated adjustment necessary to write down Cooperative's book value of foreclosed real estate properties to their estimated fair value as of the acquisition date.
- (e) This is immaterial adjustments made to acquired assets and assumed liabilities to reflect fair value.
- (f) This fair value adjustment was recorded because the weighted average interest rate of Cooperative's time deposits exceeded the cost of similar wholesale funding at the time of the acquisition. This amount will be amortized to

reduce interest expense on a declining basis over the average life of the portfolio of approximately 15 months.

(g) This fair value adjustment was recorded because the interest rates of Cooperative's fixed rate borrowings exceeded current interest rates on similar borrowings. This amount was realized shortly after the

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acquisition by prepaying the borrowings at a premium and thus there will be no future amortization related to this adjustment.

The operating results of First Bancorp for the period ended June 30, 2009 include the operating results of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities for the 11 days subsequent to the acquisition date of June 19, 2009 and were not material to the three or six month periods ended June 30, 2009. Due primarily to the significant amount of fair value adjustments and the FDIC loss sharing agreements now in place, historical results of Cooperative are not believed to be relevant to the Company's results, and thus no pro forma information is presented.

Note 5 – Equity-Based Compensation Plans

At June 30, 2009, the Company had the following equity-based compensation plans: the First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan, the First Bancorp 2004 Stock Option Plan, the First Bancorp 1994 Stock Option Plan, and three plans that were assumed from acquired entities. The Company's shareholders approved all equity-based compensation plans, except for those assumed from acquired companies. The First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan became effective upon the approval of shareholders on May 2, 2007. As of June 30, 2009, the First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan was the only plan that had shares available for future grants.

The First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan and its predecessor plans, the First Bancorp 2004 Stock Option Plan and the First Bancorp 1994 Stock Option Plan ("Predecessor Plans"), are intended to serve as a means of attracting, retaining and motivating key employees and directors and to associate the interests of the plans' participants with those of the Company and its shareholders. The Predecessor Plans only provided for the ability to grant stock options, whereas the First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan, in addition to providing for grants of stock options, also allows for grants of other types of equity-based compensation including stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted performance stock, unrestricted stock, and performance units. Since the First Bancorp 2007 Equity Plan became effective on May 2, 2007, the Company has granted the following stock-based compensation: 1) the grant of 2,250 stock options to each of the Company's non-employee directors on June 1, 2007, 2008, and 2009, 2) the grant of 5,000 incentive stock options to an executive officer on April 1, 2008 in connection with a corporate acquisition, and 3) the grant of 262,599 stock options and 81,337 performance units to 19 senior officers on June 17, 2008. Each performance unit represents the right to acquire one share of the Company's common stock upon satisfaction of the vesting conditions.

Prior to the June 17, 2008 grant, stock option grants to employees generally had five-year vesting schedules (20% vesting each year) and had been irregular, generally falling into three categories - 1) to attract and retain new employees, 2) to recognize changes in responsibilities of existing employees, and 3) to periodically reward exemplary performance. Compensation expense associated with these types of grants is recorded pro-ratably over the vesting period. As it relates to directors, the Company has historically granted 2,250 vested stock options to each of the Company's non-employee directors in June of each year, and expects to continue doing so for the foreseeable future. Compensation expense associated with these director grants is recognized on the date of grant since there are no vesting conditions.

The June 17, 2008 grant of a combination of performance units and stock options has both performance conditions (earnings per share, or EPS, targets) and service conditions that must be met in order to vest. The 262,599 stock options and 81,337 performance units represent the maximum amount of options and performance units that could vest if the Company were to achieve specified maximum goals for earnings per share during the three annual performance periods ending on December 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010. Up to one-third of the total number of options and performance units granted will vest annually as of December 31 of each year beginning in 2010, if (1) the Company achieves specific EPS goals during the corresponding performance period and (2) the executive or key employee continues employment for a period of two years beyond the corresponding performance period. Compensation expense for this grant will be recorded over the various service periods based on the estimated

number of options and performance units that are probable to vest. If the awards do not vest, no compensation cost will be recognized and any previously recognized compensation cost will be reversed. The Company did not achieve the minimum earnings per share performance goal for 2008, and thus one-third of the above grant has been permanently forfeited. During June 2009, as a result of the significant gain realized related to the Cooperative Bank acquisition (see Note 4), the Company determined that it was probable that the EPS goal for

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2009 would be met. Accordingly, the Company recorded compensation expense of \$149,000 in June 2009 and expects to record compensation expense of approximately \$75,000 on a quarterly basis through the vesting period of December 31, 2011. The Company does not believe that the EPS goals for 2010 will be met, and thus no compensation expense has been recorded related to that performance period.

Under the terms of the Predecessor Plans and the 2007 Equity Plan, options can have a term of no longer than ten years, and all options granted thus far under these plans have had a term of ten years. The Company's options provide for immediate vesting if there is a change in control (as defined in the plans).

At June 30, 2009, there were 774,245 options outstanding related to the three First Bancorp plans with exercise prices ranging from \$9.75 to \$22.12. At June 30, 2009, there were 864,941 shares remaining available for grant under the 2007 Equity Plan. The Company also has three stock option plans as a result of assuming plans of acquired companies. At June 30, 2009, there were 17,690 stock options outstanding in connection with these plans, with option prices ranging from \$10.66 to \$15.22.

The Company issues new shares when options are exercised.

The Company measures the fair value of each option award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Company determines the assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model as follows: the risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant; the dividend yield is based on the Company's dividend yield at the time of the grant (subject to adjustment if the dividend yield on the grant date is not expected to approximate the dividend yield over the expected life of the option); the volatility factor is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock (subject to adjustment if historical volatility is reasonably expected to differ from the past); and the weighted-average expected life is based on the historical behavior of employees related to exercises, forfeitures and cancellations.

The Company's only option grants for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were grants of 27,000 options to non-employee directors on June 1, 2009 (2,250 options per director). The per share weighted-average fair value of these was \$6.06 on the date of the grant using the following assumptions:

|                         | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2009 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Expected dividend yield | 2.23%                                |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.28%                                |
| Expected life           | 7 years                              |
| Expected volatility     | 46.32%                               |

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company made the following grants - 1) 5,000 incentive stock options to a key employee on April 1, 2008, 2) 29,250 stock options to non-employee directors on June 1, 2008 (2,250 options per director), and 4) 262,599 stock options and 81,338 performance units to 19 executive officers and certain key employees on June 17, 2008. The per share weighted-average fair value for the stock option grants listed above was \$5.09 on the date of the grant using the following weighted average assumptions:

|                         | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2008 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Expected dividend yield | 4.58%                                |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.17%                                |



|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Expected life       | 9.7 years |
| Expected volatility | 34.65%    |

For the three month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$311,000 and \$142,000, respectively. For the six month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$311,000 and \$145,000, respectively. Of the \$311,000 in expense that was recorded in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2009, approximately \$149,000

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related to the June 17, 2008 grants to 19 officers and is classified as “personnel expense” on the Consolidated Statements of Income, while \$162,000 relates to the June 1, 2009 director grants and is classified as “other operating expenses.” Substantially all of the expense recorded in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008 relates to the June 1, 2008 director grants and is classified as “other operating expenses.” Stock-based compensation expense is reflected as an adjustment to cash flows from operating activities on the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The Company recognized income tax benefits in the income statement related to stock-based compensation of \$121,000 and \$53,000 for the three month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company recognized income tax benefits in the income statement related to stock-based compensation in the same amounts of \$121,000 and \$56,000 for the six month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively

At June 30, 2009, the Company had \$31,000 of unrecognized compensation costs related to unvested stock options that have vesting requirements based solely on service conditions. The cost is expected to be amortized over a weighted-average life of 3.2 years, with \$9,000 being expensed in each of 2009 and 2010, \$6,000 being expensed in each of 2011 and 2012, and \$1,000 being expensed in 2013. At June 30, 2009, the Company had \$1.6 million in unrecognized compensation expense associated with the June 17, 2008 award grant that has both performance conditions and service conditions. Based on the performance conditions, the Company believes that only \$747,000 of this amount will ultimately vest, with approximately \$150,000 to be recognized as expense in the second half of 2009 and approximately \$300,000 to be recorded as expense in each of 2010 and 2011.

As noted above, certain of the Company’s stock option grants contain terms that provide for a graded vesting schedule whereby portions of the award vest in increments over the requisite service period. As provided for under Statement 123(R), the Company has elected to recognize compensation expense for awards with graded vesting schedules on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award. Statement 123(R) requires companies to recognize compensation expense based on the estimated number of stock options and awards that will ultimately vest. Over the past five years, there have been only minimal amounts of forfeitures and expirations, and therefore the Company assumes that all options granted without performance conditions will become vested.

The following table presents information regarding the activity for the first six months of 2009 related to all of the Company’s stock options outstanding:

|                                    | Options Outstanding |                                    |   | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
|                                    | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise Price | Weighted-Average<br>Contractual<br>Term (years) |                                 |
| Balance at<br>December 31,<br>2008 | 828,876             | 17.21                              |   |                                 |
| Granted                            | 27,000              | 14.35                              |   |                                 |
| Exercised                          | (63,941 )           | 13.53                              |   | \$ 194,399                      |
| Forfeited                          | –                   | –                                  |   |                                 |
| Expired                            | –                   | –                                  |   |                                 |
| Outstanding at<br>June 30, 2009    | 791,935             | \$ 17.41                           | 5.3   | \$ 0                            |

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|                                 |         |    |       |     |      |
|---------------------------------|---------|----|-------|-----|------|
| Exercisable at<br>June 30, 2009 | 611,851 | \$ | 17.63 | 4.3 | \$ 0 |
|---------------------------------|---------|----|-------|-----|------|

The Company received \$303,000 and \$376,000 as a result of stock option exercises during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company recorded \$73,000 and \$28,000 in associated tax benefits from the exercise of nonqualified stock options during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

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As discussed above, the Company granted 81,337 performance units to 19 senior officers on June 17, 2008. Each performance unit represents the right to acquire one share of the Company's common stock upon satisfaction of the vesting conditions (discussed above). The fair market value of the Company's common stock on the grant date was \$16.53 per share. One-third of this grant was forfeited on December 31, 2008 because the Company failed to meet the minimum performance goal required for vesting. The following table presents information regarding the activity during 2009 related to the Company's performance units outstanding:

| Six months ended June 30, 2009           | Nonvested Performance Units |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
|  | Number of Units             | Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
| Nonvested at the beginning of the period | 54,225                      | \$ 16.53                               |
| Granted during the period                | -                           | -                                      |
| Vested during the period                 | -                           | -                                      |
| Forfeited or expired during the period   | -                           | -                                      |
| Nonvested at the end of the period       | 54,225                      | \$ 16.53                               |

## Note 6 – Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share were computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share includes the potentially dilutive effects of the Company's equity plan. The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used in computing basic and diluted earnings per common share:

| (\$ in thousands except per share amounts)  | For the Three Months Ended June 30, |                           |                  |                    |                           |                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   | Income (Numerator)                  | 2009 Shares (Denominator) | Per Share Amount | Income (Numerator) | 2008 Shares (Denominator) | Per Share Amount |
| Basic EPS                                   |                                     |                           |                  |                    |                           |                  |
| Net income available to common shareholders | \$34,996                            | 16,636,769                | \$2.10           | \$5,278            | 16,470,975                | \$0.32           |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities               | -                                   | 36,220                    |                  | -                  | 64,383                    |                  |
| Diluted EPS per common share                | \$34,996                            | 16,672,989                | \$2.10           | \$5,278            | 16,535,358                | \$0.32           |

|  | For the Six Months Ended June 30, |             |           |        |             |           |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
|  | Income                            | 2009 Shares | Per Share | Income | 2008 Shares | Per Share |

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| (\$ in thousands except per share amounts)  | (Numer-ator) | (Denom-inator) | Amount | (Numer-ator) | (Denom-inator) | Amount |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Basic EPS</b>                            |              |                |        |              |                |        |
| Net income available to common shareholders | \$38,136     | 16,622,697     | \$2.29 | \$10,807     | 15,425,787     | \$0.70 |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities               | -            | 36,220         |        | -            | 71,642         |        |
| Diluted EPS per common share                | \$38,136     | 16,658,917     | \$2.29 | \$10,807     | 15,497,429     | \$0.70 |

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For both the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2009, there were 731,018 options that were antidilutive because the exercise price exceeded the average market price for the period. For both the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2008, there were 265,730 options that were antidilutive because the exercise price exceeded the average market price for the period. Antidilutive options have been omitted from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the respective periods.

## Note 7. Securities

The book values and approximate fair values of investment securities at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are summarized as follows:

| (In thousands)                             | Amortized<br>Cost | June 30, 2009 |                     |                        | Amortized<br>Cost | December 31, 2008 |                     |                        |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|  |                   | Fair<br>Value | Unrealized<br>Gains | Unrealized<br>(Losses) |                   | Fair<br>Value     | Unrealized<br>Gains | Unrealized<br>(Losses) |
| Securities available for sale:             |                   |               |                     |                        |                   |                   |                     |                        |
| Government-sponsored enterprise securities | \$62,394          | 63,110        | 731                 | (15 )                  | 88,951            | 90,424            | 1,473               |                        |
| Mortgage-backed securities                 | 95,676            | 96,460        | 1,072               | (288 )                 | 46,340            | 46,962            | 779                 | (157 )                 |
| Corporate bonds                            | 15,778            | 13,057        |                     | (2,721 )               | 18,885            | 16,848            | 380                 | (2,417 )               |
| Equity securities                          | 16,654            | 16,963        | 335                 | (26 )                  | 16,744            | 16,959            | 280                 | (65 )                  |
| Total available for sale                   | \$190,502         | 189,590       | 2,138               | (3,050 )               | 170,920           | 171,193           | 2,912               | (2,639 )               |
| Securities held to maturity:               |                   |               |                     |                        |                   |                   |                     |                        |
| State and local governments                | \$24,386          | 24,352        | 164                 | (198 )                 | 15,967            | 15,788            | 109                 | (288 )                 |
| Other                                      | 22                | 22            |                     |                        | 23                | 23                |                     |                        |
| Total held to maturity                     | \$24,408          | 24,374        | 164                 | (198 )                 | 15,990            | 15,811            | 109                 | (288 )                 |

Included in mortgage-backed securities at June 30, 2009 were collateralized mortgage obligations with an amortized cost of \$5,415,000 and a fair value of \$5,461,000. Included in mortgage-backed securities at December 31, 2008 were collateralized mortgage obligations with an amortized cost of \$7,853,000 and a fair value of \$7,773,000

The Company owned Federal Home Loan Bank stock with a cost and fair value of \$16,519,000 at June 30, 2009 and \$16,491,000 at December 31, 2008, which is included in equity securities above and serves as part of the collateral for the Company's line of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank. The investment in this stock is a requirement for membership in the Federal Home Loan Bank system.

The following table presents information regarding securities with unrealized losses at June 30, 2009:

| (in thousands) | Securities in an<br>Unrealized Loss Position<br>for |                      | Securities in an<br>Unrealized Loss Position<br>for |                      | Total      |                      |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
|                | Less than 12 Months                                 |                      | More than 12 Months                                 |                      | Unrealized |                      |
|                | Fair Value  | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value  | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized<br>Losses |

|  |           |       |       |     |        |       |
|--|-----------|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| Government-sponsored enterprise securities | \$ 15,159 | 15    |       |     | 15,159 | 15    |
| Mortgage-backed securities                 | 28,678    | 281   | 447   | 7   | 29,125 | 288   |
| Corporate bonds                            | 9,169     | 1,976 | 3,888 | 745 | 13,057 | 2,721 |
| Equity securities                          | 23        | 5     | 30    | 21  | 53     | 26    |
| State and local governments                | 10,046    | 165   | 701   | 33  | 10,747 | 198   |
| Total temporarily impaired securities      | \$63,075  | 2,442 | 5,066 | 806 | 68,141 | 3,248 |

The following table presents information regarding securities with unrealized losses at December 31, 2008:

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| (in thousands)                                | Securities in an<br>Unrealized Loss Position<br>for<br>Less than 12 Months |                      | Securities in an<br>Unrealized Loss Position<br>for<br>More than 12 Months |                      | Total      |                      |
|---|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
|   | Fair Value   | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value   | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized<br>Losses |
| Government-sponsored<br>enterprise securities | \$-  | -                    | -  | -                    | -          | -                    |
| Mortgage-backed securities                    | 3,468  | 27                   | 5,430  | 130                  | 8,898      | 157                  |
| Corporate bonds                               | 8,543  | 2,165                | 2,847  | 252                  | 11,390     | 2,417                |
| Equity securities                             | 29   | 14                   | 49   | 51                   | 78         | 65                   |
| State and local governments                   | 8,737  | 288                  | -  | -                    | 8,737      | 288                  |
| Total temporarily impaired<br>securities      | \$20,777   | 2,494                | 8,326  | 433                  | 29,103     | 2,927                |

In the above tables, all of the non-equity securities that were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are bonds that the Company has determined are in a loss position due to interest rate factors, the overall economic downturn in the financial sector, and the broader economy in general. The Company has evaluated the collectability of each of these bonds and has concluded that there is no other-than-temporary impairment. The Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until maturity with no accounting loss. The Company has concluded that each of the equity securities in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was in such a position due to temporary fluctuations in the market prices of the securities. The Company's policy is to record an impairment charge for any of these equity securities that remains in an unrealized loss position for twelve consecutive months unless the amount is insignificant.

The aggregate carrying amount of cost-method investments was \$16,541,000 and \$16,564,000 at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, which included the Federal Home Loan Bank stock discussed above. The Company determined that none of its cost-method investments were impaired at either period end.

The book values and approximate fair values of investment securities at June 30, 2009, by contractual maturity, are summarized in the table below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

| (In thousands)                            | Securities Available for<br>Sale |               | Securities Held to<br>Maturity |               |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
|   | Amortized<br>Cost                | Fair<br>Value | Amortized<br>Cost              | Fair<br>Value |
| Debt securities                           |                                  |               |                                |               |
| Due within one year                       | \$10,187                         | 10,184        | 722                            | 733           |
| Due after one year but within five years  | 52,207                           | 52,926        | 2,488                          | 2,541         |
| Due after five years but within ten years | 2,994                            | 2,780         | 9,895                          | 9,918         |
| Due after ten years                       | 12,784                           | 10,277        | 11,303                         | 11,182        |
| Mortgage-backed securities                | 95,676                           | 96,460        | -                              | -             |
| Total debt securities                     | 173,848                          | 172,627       | 24,408                         | 24,374        |
| Equity securities                         | 16,654                           | 16,963        | -                              | -             |
| Total securities                          | \$190,502                        | 189,590       | 24,408                         | 24,374        |



At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, investment securities with book values of \$118,328,000 and \$135,285,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for public and private deposits and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.

There were no securities sales during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company recorded losses of \$128,000 and \$16,000, respectively, related to write-downs of the Company's equity portfolio.

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## Note 8 – Loans and Asset Quality Information

As discussed in Note 4 above, on June 19, 2009 the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Cooperative Bank. The loans and foreclosed real estate that were acquired in this transaction are covered by loss share agreements between the FDIC and First Bank, which afford First Bank significant loss protection. Under the loss share agreement, the FDIC will cover 80% of covered loan and foreclosed real estate losses up to \$303 million and 95% of losses that exceed that amount. Because of the loss protection provided by the FDIC, the risk of the Cooperative Bank loans and foreclosed real estate are significantly different from those assets not covered under the loss share agreements. Accordingly, the Company presents separately loans subject to the loss share agreements as “covered loans” in the information below and loans that are not subject to the loss share agreements as “non-covered loans.”

The following is a summary of the major categories of non-covered loans outstanding:

| (\$ in thousands)   | June 30,<br>2009 |            | December 31,<br>2008 |            | June 30,<br>2008 |            |
|---|------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|   | Amount           | Percentage | Amount               | Percentage | Amount           | Percentage |
| Non-covered loans:  |                  |            |                      |            |                  |            |
| Commercial, financial, and agricultural                           | \$174,643        | 8%         | 190,428              | 9%         | 186,720          | 9%         |
| Real estate – construction, land development & other land loans   | 437,730          | 20%        | 481,849              | 22%        | 467,502          | 22%        |
| Real estate – mortgage – residential (1-4 family) first mortgages | 589,956          | 27%        | 576,884              | 26%        | 552,698          | 25%        |
| Real estate – mortgage – home equity loans / lines of credit      | 249,522          | 12%        | 249,764              | 11%        | 243,835          | 11%        |
| Real estate – mortgage – commercial and other                     | 634,834          | 29%        | 620,444              | 28%        | 613,418          | 28%        |
| Installment loans to individuals                                  | 87,381           | 4%         | 91,711               | 4%         | 102,434          | 5%         |
| Subtotal  | 2,174,066        | 100%       | 2,211,080            | 100%       | 2,166,607        | 100%       |
| Unamortized net deferred loan costs                               | 356              |            | 235                  |            | 233              |            |
| Total non-covered loans   | \$2,174,422      |            | 2,211,315            |            | 2,166,840        |            |

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The carrying amount of the covered loans at June 30, 2009 consisted of loans accounted for in accordance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position 03-3, "Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer" (SOP 03-3) and loans not subject to SOP 03-3 as detailed in the following table.

|   | SOP 03-3<br>Loans | Non SOP<br>03-3<br>Loans | Total<br>Covered<br>Loans |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Covered loans:  |                   |                          |                           |
| Commercial, financial, and agricultural                           | \$-               | 9,808                    | 9,808                     |
| Real estate – construction, land development & other land loans   | 22,860            | 147,861                  | 170,721                   |
| Real estate – mortgage – residential (1-4 family) first mortgages | -                 | 236,774                  | 236,774                   |
| Real estate – mortgage – home equity loans / lines of credit      | -                 | 26,829                   | 26,829                    |
| Real estate – mortgage – commercial and other                     | 3,165             | 73,878                   | 77,043                    |
| Installment loans to individuals                                  | -                 | 6,186                    | 6,186                     |
| Total   | \$26,025          | 501,336                  | 527,361                   |

The following table presents the Non SOP 03-3 loans receivable at the acquisition date of June 19, 2009. The amounts include principal only and do not reflect accrued interest as of the date of the acquisition or beyond.

(\$ in thousands)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Contractual loan principal payments receivable                 | \$738,632 |
| Estimate of contractual principal not expected to be collected | (233,874) |
| Fair value of Non SOP 03-3 loans receivable                    | \$504,758 |

The following table presents the SOP 03-3 loans receivable at the acquisition date of June 19, 2009. The Company has initially applied the cost recovery method to all loans subject to SOP 03-3 at the acquisition date of June 19, 2009 due to the uncertainty as to the timing of expected cash flows as reflected in the following table.

(\$ in thousands)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Contractually required principal payments receivable | \$90,503  |
| Nonaccretable difference                             | (64,478 ) |
| Present value of cash flows expected to be collected | 26,025    |
| Accretable difference                                | -         |
| Fair value of SOP 03-3 loans acquired                | \$26,025  |

The following table presents information regarding all loans accounted for under SOP 03-3, which includes the Company's acquisition of Great Pee Dee Bancorp on April 1, 2008, and the Company's acquisition of Cooperative Bank on June 19, 2009:

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| (\$ in thousands)                                | Contractual<br>Principal<br>Receivable | Fair Market<br>Value<br>Adjustment –<br>Write Down<br>(Nonaccretable<br>Difference) | Carrying<br>Amount |
|--|--|---|--------------------|
| SOP 03-3 Loans                                   |  |   |                    |
| As of April 1, 2008 acquisition date             | \$ 7,663                               | 4,695   | 2,968              |
| Additions due to borrower advances               | 663                                    | –   | 663                |
| Change due to payments received                  | (510 )                                 | –   | (510 )             |
| Change due to legal discharge of debt            | (102 )                                 | (102 )  | –                  |
| Balance at December 31, 2008                     | 7,714                                  | 4,593   | 3,121              |
| Additions due to borrower advances               | –                                      | –   | –                  |
| Additions due to acquisition of Cooperative Bank | 90,503                                 | 64,478  | 26,025             |
| Change due to payments received                  | –                                      | –   | –                  |
| Transfer to foreclosed real estate               | (23 )                                  | –   | (23 )              |
| Change due to legal discharge of debt            | (255 )                                 | (100 )  | (155 )             |
| Balance at June 30, 2009                         | \$ 97,939                              | 68,971  | 28,968             |

At June 30, 2009, the outstanding balance of SOP 03-3 loans, which includes principal, interest and fees due, was \$100,434,000. Each of the SOP 03-3 loans is on nonaccrual status and considered to be impaired. Because of the uncertainty of the expected cash flows, the Company is accounting for each SOP 03-3 loan under the cost recovery method, in which all cash payments are applied to principal. Thus, there is no accretable yield associated with the above loans. Since the date of acquisition, there have been no amounts received in excess of the initial carrying amount of any of these impaired loans.

Nonperforming assets are defined as nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 or more days and still accruing interest, and other real estate. Nonperforming assets are summarized as follows:

| ASSET QUALITY DATA (\$ in thousands)              | June 30,<br>2009 | Dec. 31,<br>2008 | June 30,<br>2008 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nonaccrual loans – non-covered                    | \$ 43,210        | 26,600           | 17,588           |
| Nonaccrual loans – covered by FDIC loss share (1) | 41,985           | -                | -                |
| Restructured loans – non-covered                  | 3,995            | 3,995            | 3,995            |
| Accruing loans > 90 days past due                 | -                | -                | -                |
| Total nonperforming loans                         | 89,190           | 30,595           | 21,583           |
| Other real estate – non-covered                   | 6,032            | 4,832            | 2,934            |
| Other real estate – covered by FDIC loss share    | 12,415           | –                | –                |
| Total nonperforming assets                        | \$ 107,637       | 35,427           | 24,517           |
| Total nonperforming assets – non-covered          | \$ 53,237        | 35,427           | 24,517           |

## Asset Quality Ratios

|   |      |   |      |   |      |   |
|---|------|---|------|---|------|---|
| Net charge-offs to average non-covered loans - annualized | 0.49 | % | 0.38 | % | 0.22 | % |
|   | 2.17 | % | 1.38 | % | 1.00 | % |

Non-covered nonperforming loans to  
non-covered loans

|   |       |   |       |   |        |   |
|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|---|
| Non-covered nonperforming assets to<br>total assets             | 1.51  | % | 1.29  | % | 0.94   | % |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-covered<br>loans               | 1.53  | % | 1.32  | % | 1.20   | % |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-covered<br>nonperforming loans | 70.30 | % | 95.62 | % | 120.75 | % |

(1) At June 30, 2009, the contractual balance of the nonaccrual loans covered by FDIC loss share agreements was \$122.6 million.

The following table presents information related to impaired loans, as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan."

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| (\$ in thousands)  | As of /for<br>the six<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2009 | As of /for<br>the twelve<br>months<br>ended<br>December<br>31,<br>2008 | As of /for<br>the six<br>months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2008 |
|--|--|--|--|
|  | Impaired loans at period end (1)                             | \$54,093   | 22,146   |
| Average amount of impaired loans for period                          | 26,386   | 12,547   | 7,947  |
| Allowance for loan losses related to impaired loans at period end    | 4,878  | 2,869  | 1,300  |
| Amount of impaired loans with no related allowance at period end (2) | 40,168   | 14,609   | 9,199  |

(1) Effective March 31, 2009, the Company increased the threshold for loans that are exempt from Statement 114 as a result of being part of a smaller-balance homogeneous group of loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

(2) Includes \$28.9 million in net loans acquired in acquisitions that were written down on their acquisition dates by \$69.0 million from a total loan balance of \$97.8 million.

At each of the period ends shown in the table above, all of the impaired loans were on nonaccrual status except for a \$4.0 million loan that was classified as an impaired loan due to a restructured interest rate, which was on accruing status in accordance with its modified terms.

#### Note 9 – Deferred Loan Costs

The amount of loans shown on the Consolidated Balance Sheet includes net deferred loan costs of approximately \$356,000, \$235,000, and \$233,000 at June 30, 2009, December 31, 2008, and June 30, 2008, respectively.

#### Note 10 – Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following is a summary of the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of amortizable intangible assets as of June 30, 2009, December 31, 2008, and June 30, 2008, and the carrying amount of unamortized intangible assets as of those same dates. The Company recorded a core deposit premium intangible of \$3,798,000 in connection with the acquisition of Cooperative Bank, which will be amortized on a straight line basis over the estimated life of the related deposits of eight years.

| (\$ in thousands)              | June 30, 2009               |                             | December 31, 2008           |                             | June 30, 2008               |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization |
| Amortizable intangible assets: |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Customer lists                 | \$394                       | 226                         | 394                         | 210                         | 394                         | 195                         |
| Core deposit premiums          | 7,590                       | 2,211                       | 3,792                       | 2,031                       | 3,792                       | 1,831                       |
| Total                          | \$7,984                     | 2,437                       | 4,186                       | 2,241                       | 4,186                       | 2,026                       |

Unamortizable intangible  
assets:

|          |          |        |        |
|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Goodwill | \$65,835 | 65,835 | 65,835 |
|----------|----------|--------|--------|

Amortization expense totaled \$98,000 and \$123,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Amortization expense totaled \$196,000 and \$202,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The following table presents the estimated amortization expense for each of the five calendar years ending December 31, 2013 and the estimated amount amortizable thereafter. These estimates are subject to change in future periods to the extent management determines it is necessary to make adjustments to the carrying value or estimated useful lives of amortized intangible assets.

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Estimated<br>Amortization<br>Expense |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| July 1 to Dec. 31,     |                                      |
| 2009                   | \$ 435                               |
| 2010                   | 851                                  |
| 2011                   | 836                                  |
| 2012                   | 824                                  |
| 2013                   | 714                                  |
| Thereafter             | 1,887                                |
| Total                  | \$ 5,547                             |

## Note 11 – Pension Plans

The Company sponsors two defined benefit pension plans – a qualified retirement plan (the “Pension Plan”), which is generally available to all employees, and a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the “SERP Plan”), which is for the benefit of certain senior management executives of the Company. During the second quarter of 2009, the Company modified the Pension Plan to prohibit new entrants into the plan.

The Company recorded pension expense totaling \$976,000 and \$606,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, related to the Pension Plan and the SERP Plan. The following table contains the components of the pension expense.

| (\$ in thousands)                                | For the Three Months Ended June 30, |                         |                   |                   |                          |                          |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 2009<br>Pension<br>Plan             | 2008<br>Pension<br>Plan | 2009<br>SERP Plan | 2008<br>SERP Plan | 2009 Total<br>Both Plans | 2008 Total<br>Both Plans |
| Service cost – benefits earned during the period | \$439                               | 375                     | 107               | 109               | 546                      | 484                      |
| Interest cost                                    | 337                                 | 312                     | 89                | 70                | 426                      | 382                      |
| Expected return on plan assets                   | (235 )                              | (362 )                  |                   |                   | (235 )                   | (362 )                   |
| Amortization of transition obligation            | 1                                   | 1                       |                   |                   | 1                        | 1                        |
| Amortization of net (gain)/loss                  | 190                                 | 76                      | 40                | 17                | 230                      | 93                       |
| Amortization of prior service cost               | 3                                   | 3                       | 5                 | 5                 | 8                        | 8                        |
| Net periodic pension cost                        | \$735                               | 405                     | 241               | 201               | 976                      | 606                      |

The Company recorded pension expense totaling \$1,873,000 and \$1,212,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, related to the Pension Plan and the SERP Plan. The following table contains the components of the pension expense.

| (\$ in thousands)                                | For the Six Months Ended June 30, |                         |                   |                   |                          |                          |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 2009<br>Pension<br>Plan           | 2008<br>Pension<br>Plan | 2009<br>SERP Plan | 2008<br>SERP Plan | 2009 Total<br>Both Plans | 2008 Total<br>Both Plans |
| Service cost – benefits earned during the period | \$844                             | 750                     | 232               | 218               | 1,076                    | 968                      |



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|                                       |         |        |     |     |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| Interest cost                         | 680     | 624    | 164 | 140 | 844    | 764    |
| Expected return on plan assets        | (499 )  | (724 ) |     |     | (499 ) | (724 ) |
| Amortization of transition obligation | 2       | 2      |     |     | 2      | 2      |
| Amortization of net (gain)/loss       | 380     | 152    | 54  | 34  | 434    | 186    |
| Amortization of prior service cost    | 6       | 6      | 10  | 10  | 16     | 16     |
| Net periodic pension cost             | \$1,413 | 810    | 460 | 402 | 1,873  | 1,212  |

The Company's contributions to the Pension Plan are based on computations by independent actuarial consultants and are intended to provide the Company with the maximum deduction for income tax purposes. The contributions are invested to provide for benefits under the Pension Plan. The Company expects that it will contribute \$1,500,000 to the Pension Plan in 2009.

The Company's funding policy with respect to the SERP is to fund the related benefits from the operating cash flow of the Company.

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## Note 12 – Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity during a period for non-owner transactions and is divided into net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes revenues, expenses, gains, and losses that are excluded from earnings under current accounting standards. The components of accumulated other comprehensive income for the Company are as follows:

|   | June 30, 2009 | December 31,<br>2008 | June 30, 2008 |
|---|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale     | \$ (912 )     | 273                  | (1,574 )      |
| Deferred tax asset (liability)                              | 356           | (106 )               | 614           |
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale | (556 )        | 167                  | (960 )        |
| Additional pension liability                                | (13,240 )     | (13,693 )            | (7,037 )      |
| Deferred tax asset  | 5,194         | 5,370                | 2,774         |
| Net additional pension liability                            | (8,046 )      | (8,323 )             | (4,263 )      |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)         | \$ (8,602 )   | (8,156 )             | (5,223 )      |

## Note 13 – Fair Value

In accordance with FSP FAS 107-1, the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of financial instruments at June 30, 2009 are as follows:

| (In thousands)                                 | June 30, 2009   |                      |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
|  | Carrying Amount | Estimated Fair Value |
| Cash and due from banks, noninterest-bearing   | \$ 47,761       | 47,761               |
| Due from banks, interest-bearing               | 151,520         | 151,520              |
| Federal funds sold                             | 25,710          | 25,710               |
| Securities available for sale                  | 189,590         | 189,590              |
| Securities held to maturity                    | 24,408          | 24,374               |
| Presold mortgages in process of settlement     | 8,993           | 8,993                |
| Loans, net of allowance                        | 2,668,598       | 2,657,812            |
| FDIC loss share receivable                     | 241,369         | 241,369              |
| Accrued interest receivable                    | 15,154          | 15,154               |
| Deposits                                       | 2,875,166       | 2,883,136            |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 62,309          | 62,309               |
| Borrowings                                     | 230,099         | 197,766              |
| Accrued interest payable                       | 4,001           | 4,001                |

Fair value methods and assumptions are set forth below for the Company's financial instruments.

Cash and Due from Banks, Federal Funds Sold, Presold Mortgages in Process of Settlement, Accrued Interest Receivable, and Accrued Interest Payable – The carrying amounts approximate their fair value because of the short

maturity of these financial instruments.

Available for Sale and Held to Maturity Securities – Fair values are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

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Loans – Fair values are estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics. Loans are segregated by type such as commercial, financial and agricultural, real estate construction, real estate mortgages and installment loans to individuals. Each loan category is further segmented into fixed and variable interest rate terms. The fair value for each category is determined by discounting scheduled future cash flows using current interest rates offered on loans with similar risk characteristics. Fair values for impaired loans are estimated based on discounted cash flows or underlying collateral values, where applicable.

FDIC loss share receivable – Fair value was initially determined to be equal to 80% of the fair value of expected losses to be incurred and reimbursed by the FDIC.

Deposits and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase – The fair value of securities sold under agreements to repurchase and deposits with no stated maturity, such as non-interest-bearing demand deposits, savings, NOW, and money market accounts, is equal to the amount payable on demand as of the valuation date. The fair value of certificates of deposit is based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Borrowings – The fair value of borrowings is based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using the rates currently offered by the Company's lenders for debt of similar remaining maturities.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time the Company's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Because no highly liquid market exists for a significant portion of the Company's financial instruments, fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments, and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

Fair value estimates are based on existing on- and off-balance sheet financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and the value of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments. Significant assets and liabilities that are not considered financial assets or liabilities include net premises and equipment, intangible and other assets such as foreclosed properties, deferred income taxes, prepaid expense accounts, income taxes currently payable and other various accrued expenses. In addition, the income tax ramifications related to the realization of the unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on fair value estimates and have not been considered in any of the estimates.

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" (Statement 157) on January 1, 2008, as it applies to financial assets and liabilities and on January 1, 2009 for non financial assets and liabilities. Statement 157 provides enhanced guidance for measuring assets and liabilities using fair value and applies to situations where other standards require or permit assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. Statement 157 also requires expanded disclosure of items that are measured at fair value, the information used to measure fair value and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings.

Statement 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) of identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.



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Level 2: Quoted prices for similar instrument in active or non-active markets and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value at June 30, 2009.

(\$ in thousands)

|                               | Fair Value<br>at June 30,<br>2009 | Quoted<br>Prices in<br>Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Recurring</b>              |                                   |  |   |  |
| Securities available for sale | \$ 189,590                        | 315  | 189,275   | —  |
| <b>Nonrecurring</b>           |                                   |  |   |  |
| Impaired loans                | 54,093                            | —  | 54,093  | —  |
| Other real estate             | 18,447                            | —  | 18,447  | —  |

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value.

**Securities** — When quoted market prices are available in an active market, the securities are classified as Level 1 in the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities for the Company include certain equity securities. If quoted market prices are not available, but fair values can be estimated by observing quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, the securities are classified as Level 2 on the valuation hierarchy. For the Company, Level 2 securities include mortgage backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, government sponsored entity securities, and corporate bonds. In cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

**Impaired loans** — Statement 157 applies to loans that are measured for impairment using the practical expedients permitted by SFAS No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan." Fair values for impaired loans in the above table are collateral dependent and are estimated based on underlying collateral values, which are then adjusted for the cost related to liquidation of the collateral.

**Other real estate** – Other real estate, consisting of properties obtained through foreclosure or in satisfaction of loans, is reported at the lower of cost or fair value, determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources, adjusted for estimated selling costs. At the time of foreclosure, any excess of the loan balance over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a charge against the allowance for loan losses.

For the six months ended June 30, 2009, the decrease in the fair value of securities available for sale was \$1,304,000 which is included in other comprehensive income (net of tax benefit of \$509,000). For the six months

ended June 30, 2008, the decrease in the fair value of securities available for sale was \$1,676,000, which is included in other comprehensive income (net of tax benefit of \$654,000).

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## Note 14 – Participation in the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program

On January 9, 2009, the Company completed the sale of \$65 million of Series A preferred stock to the United States Treasury Department (Treasury) under the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program. The program is designed to attract broad participation by healthy banking institutions to help stabilize the financial system and increase lending for the benefit of the U.S. economy.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Treasury received (i) 65,000 shares of fixed rate cumulative perpetual preferred stock with a liquidation value of \$1,000 per share and (ii) a warrant to purchase 616,308 shares of the Company's common stock, no par value, in exchange for \$65 million.

The preferred stock qualifies as Tier 1 capital and will pay cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% for the first five years, and 9% thereafter. Subject to regulatory approval, the Company is generally permitted to redeem the preferred shares at par plus unpaid dividends.

The warrant has a 10-year term and was immediately exercisable upon its issuance with an exercise price equal to \$15.82 per share. The Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any shares of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrant.

The Company allocated the \$65 million in proceeds to the preferred stock and the warrants based on their relative fair values. To determine the fair value of the preferred stock, the Company used a discounted cash flow model that assumed redemption of the preferred stock at the end of year 5. The discount rate utilized was 13% and the estimated fair value was determined to be \$36.2 million. The fair value of the warrants was estimated to be \$2.8 million using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

|                             |        |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|
| Expected dividend yield     | 4.83   | %     |
| Risk-free interest rate     | 2.48   | %     |
| Expected life               | 10     | years |
| Expected volatility         | 35.00  | %     |
| Weighted average fair value | \$4.47 |       |

The aggregate fair value result for both the preferred stock and the common stock warrants was determined to be \$39.0 million, with 7% of this aggregate total attributable to the warrants and 93% attributable to the preferred stock. Therefore, the \$65 million issuance was allocated with \$60.4 million being assigned to the preferred stock and \$4.6 million being assigned to the warrants.

The \$4.6 million difference between the \$65 million face value of the preferred stock and the \$60.4 million allocated to it upon issuance was recorded as a discount on the preferred stock. The \$4.6 million discount is being accreted, using the effective interest method, as a reduction in net income available to common shareholders over a five year period at approximately \$0.8 million to \$1.0 million per year.

For each of the first two quarters of 2009, the Company has accrued approximately \$810,000 in preferred dividend payments and accreted \$200,000 of the discount on the preferred stock. These amounts are deducted from net income in computing "Net income available to common shareholders."



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Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to those risk factors discussed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, we add the following risk factors.

The June 19, 2009 acquisition of all of the deposits (except certain brokered deposits) and borrowings, and substantially all of the assets of Cooperative Bank could adversely affect our financial results and condition if we fail to integrate its operations properly.

The acquisition of Cooperative Bank will require the integration of the businesses of First Bank and Cooperative Bank. The integration process may result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of ongoing businesses and the loss of customers and their business and deposits. It may also divert management attention and resources from other operations and limit our ability to pursue other acquisitions. There is no assurance that we will realize financial benefits from this acquisition.

The \$53.8 million gain we recorded upon the acquisition of Cooperative is a preliminary amount and could be retroactively decreased.

We accounted for the Cooperative acquisition under the purchase method of accounting, recording the acquired assets and liabilities of Cooperative at fair value based on preliminary purchase accounting adjustments. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities, particularly illiquid assets and liabilities, is a complicated process involving a significant amount of judgment regarding estimates and assumptions. Based on the preliminary adjustments made, the fair value of the assets we acquired exceeded the fair value of the liabilities assumed by \$53.8 million, which resulted in a gain for our company. Under purchase accounting, we have until one year after the acquisition to finalize the fair value adjustments, meaning that until then we could materially adjust the preliminary fair value estimates of Cooperative's assets and liabilities based on new or updated information. Such adjustments could reduce or eliminate the extent by which the assets acquired exceeded the liabilities assumed and would result in a retroactive decrease to the \$53.8 million gain that we recorded as of the acquisition date.

We may incur loan losses related to Cooperative that are materially greater than we originally projected.

Cooperative had a significant amount of deteriorating and nonperforming loans that ultimately led to the closure of the bank. When we placed our bid with the FDIC to assume the assets and liabilities of Cooperative, we estimated an amount of future loan losses that we believed would occur and factored those expected losses into our bid amount. Estimating loan losses on an entire portfolio of loans is a difficult process that is dependent on a significant amount of judgment and estimates, especially for loan portfolios like Cooperative's with a high concentration of deteriorating and nonperforming loans. If we underestimated the extent of those losses, it will negatively impact us. Within a one year period, if we discover that we materially understated the loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the acquisition date, it will retroactively reduce or eliminate the \$53.8 million gain discussed above. Beyond the one year period, or if we determine that losses arose after the acquisition date, the additional losses will be reflected as provisions for loan losses.

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Item 2 - Management's Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Results of Operations and Financial Condition

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Part I of this report contains statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, which statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are statements that include projections, predictions, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualifying words (and their derivatives) such as “expect,” “believe,” “estimate,” “plan,” “project,” or other statements concerning our opinions or judgment about future events. Factors that could influence the accuracy of such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the financial success or changing strategies of our customers, our level of success in integrating acquisitions, actions of government regulators, the level of market interest rates, and general economic conditions. For additional information that could affect the matters discussed in this paragraph, see the “Risk Factors” section of our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

We follow and apply accounting principles that conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and with general practices followed by the banking industry. Certain of these principles involve a significant amount of judgment and/or use of estimates based on our best assumptions at the time of the estimation. We have identified two policies as being more sensitive in terms of judgments and estimates, taking into account their overall potential impact to our consolidated financial statements – 1) the allowance for loan losses and 2) intangible assets.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Due to the estimation process and the potential materiality of the amounts involved, we have identified the accounting for the allowance for loan losses and the related provision for loan losses as an accounting policy critical to our consolidated financial statements. The provision for loan losses charged to operations is an amount sufficient to bring the allowance for loan losses to an estimated balance considered adequate to absorb losses inherent in the portfolio.

Our determination of the adequacy of the allowance is based primarily on a mathematical model that estimates the appropriate allowance for loan losses. This model has two components. The first component involves the estimation of losses on loans defined as “impaired loans.” A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The estimated valuation allowance is the difference, if any, between the loan balance outstanding and the value of the impaired loan as determined by either 1) an estimate of the cash flows that we expect to receive from the borrower discounted at the loan’s effective rate, or 2) in the case of a collateral-dependent loan, the fair value of the collateral.

The second component of the allowance model is an estimate of losses for all loans not considered to be impaired loans. First, loans that we have risk graded as having more than “standard” risk but not considered to be impaired are segregated between those relationships with outstanding balances exceeding \$500,000 and those that are less than that amount. For those loan relationships with outstanding balances exceeding \$500,000, we review the attributes of each individual loan and assign any necessary loss reserve based on various factors including payment history, borrower strength, collateral value, and guarantor strength. For loan relationships less than \$500,000, we assign estimated loss percentages generally accepted in the banking industry. Loans that we have classified as having normal credit risk are

segregated by loan type, and estimated loss percentages are assigned to

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each loan type, based on the historical losses, current economic conditions, and operational conditions specific to each loan type.

The reserve estimated for impaired loans is then added to the reserve estimated for all other loans. This becomes our “allocated allowance.” In addition to the allocated allowance derived from the model, we also evaluate other data such as the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans, net loan growth information, nonperforming asset levels and trends in such data. Based on this additional analysis, we may determine that an additional amount of allowance for loan losses is necessary to reserve for probable losses. This additional amount, if any, is our “unallocated allowance.” The sum of the allocated allowance and the unallocated allowance is compared to the actual allowance for loan losses recorded on our books and any adjustment necessary for the recorded allowance to equal the computed allowance is recorded as a provision for loan losses. The provision for loan losses is a direct charge to earnings in the period recorded.

Although we use the best information available to make evaluations, future material adjustments may be necessary if economic, operational, or other conditions change. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require us to recognize additions to the allowance based on the examiners’ judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

For further discussion, see “Nonperforming Assets” and “Summary of Loan Loss Experience” below.

## Intangible Assets

Due to the estimation process and the potential materiality of the amounts involved, we have also identified the accounting for intangible assets as an accounting policy critical to our consolidated financial statements.

When we complete an acquisition transaction, the excess of the purchase price over the amount by which the fair market value of assets acquired exceeds the fair market value of liabilities assumed represents an intangible asset. We must then determine the identifiable portions of the intangible asset, with any remaining amount classified as goodwill. Identifiable intangible assets associated with these acquisitions are generally amortized over the estimated life of the related asset, whereas goodwill is tested annually for impairment, but not systematically amortized. Assuming no goodwill impairment, it is beneficial to our future earnings to have a lower amount assigned to identifiable intangible assets and higher amount of goodwill as opposed to having a higher amount considered to be identifiable intangible assets and a lower amount classified as goodwill.

The primary identifiable intangible asset we typically record in connection with a whole bank or bank branch acquisition is the value of the core deposit intangible, whereas when we acquire an insurance agency, the primary identifiable intangible asset is the value of the acquired customer list. Determining the amount of identifiable intangible assets and their average lives involves multiple assumptions and estimates and is typically determined by performing a discounted cash flow analysis, which involves a combination of any or all of the following assumptions: customer attrition/runoff, alternative funding costs, deposit servicing costs, and discount rates. We typically engage a third party consultant to assist in each analysis. For the whole bank and bank branch transactions recorded to date, the core deposit intangibles have generally been estimated to have a life ranging from seven to ten years, with an accelerated rate of amortization. For insurance agency acquisitions, the identifiable intangible assets related to the customer lists were determined to have a life of ten to fifteen years, with amortization occurring on a straight-line basis.

Subsequent to the initial recording of the identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, we amortize the identifiable intangible assets over their estimated average lives, as discussed above. In addition, on at least an annual basis, goodwill is evaluated for impairment by comparing the fair value of our reporting units to their related carrying value, including goodwill (our community banking operation is our only material reporting unit). At our last evaluation, the fair value of our community banking operation exceeded its carrying value, including goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit were ever to exceed its fair value, we would determine whether

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the implied fair value of the goodwill, using a discounted cash flow analysis, exceeded the carrying value of the goodwill. If the carrying value of the goodwill exceeded the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment loss would be recorded in an amount equal to that excess. Performing such a discounted cash flow analysis would involve the significant use of estimates and assumptions.

We review identifiable intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Our policy is that an impairment loss is recognized, equal to the difference between the asset's carrying amount and its fair value, if the sum of the expected undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset. Estimating future cash flows involves the use of multiple estimates and assumptions, such as those listed above.

Fair Value of Acquired Loans

We consider that the determination of the initial fair value of loans acquired in the June 19, 2009, FDIC-assisted transaction and the initial fair value of the related FDIC loss share receivable involve a high degree of judgment and complexity. The carrying value of the acquired loans and the FDIC loss share receivable reflect management's best estimate of the amount to be realized on each of these assets. We determined current fair value accounting estimates of the assumed assets and liabilities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141(R), "Business Combinations." However, the amount that we realize on these assets could differ materially from the carrying value reflected in our financial statements, based upon the timing of collections on the acquired loans in future periods. To the extent the actual values realized for the acquired loans are different from the estimate, the FDIC loss share receivable will generally be impacted in an offsetting manner due to the loss-sharing support from the FDIC.

Current Accounting Matters

See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements above for information about accounting standards that we have recently adopted.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Net income available to common shareholders for the second quarter of 2009 was \$35.0 million compared to \$5.3 million reported in the second quarter of 2008. Earnings per diluted common share were \$2.10 in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$0.32 in the second quarter of 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, net income available to common shareholders was \$38.1 million compared to \$10.8 million reported for the comparable period in 2008. Earnings per diluted common share were \$2.29 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 compared to \$0.70 for the same six months in 2008.

Several significant factors affect the comparability of 2009 and 2008 results, including the following.

- In the second quarter of 2009, we realized a \$53.8 million gain related to the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Cooperative Bank in Wilmington, North Carolina. This gain resulted from the difference between the purchase price and the acquisition-date fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities. The after-tax impact of this gain was \$32.8 million, or \$1.97 per diluted common share.
- In the second quarter of 2009, we recorded a \$1.6 million expense related to a special assessment levied by the FDIC on all banks in order to replenish the FDIC insurance fund. The after-tax impact of this assessment was \$976,000, or \$0.06 per diluted common share.
- In the second quarter of 2009, we recorded acquisition related expenses related to Cooperative Bank of \$792,000 consisting primarily of professional fees and severance expenses. The after-tax impact of these expenses was \$483,000, or \$0.03 per diluted common share.
  - We have recorded \$1.0 million in preferred stock dividends in both the first and second quarters of 2009 related to the January 12, 2009 issuance of preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury. These amounts have reduced our net income available to common shareholders.

Acquisition of Cooperative Bank

On June 19, 2009, the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks issued an order providing for the closing of Cooperative Bank and appointed the FDIC as receiver. We were selected by the FDIC to acquire all deposits (except certain brokered deposits) and borrowings, and substantially all of the assets of Cooperative Bank. Cooperative Bank operated through twenty-one branches in North Carolina and three branches in South Carolina. We assumed all of Cooperative Bank's deposits with no losses to any depositor.

The following is a summary of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

- \$958 million in total assets at book value, which decreased to \$928 million after applying purchase accounting fair market value adjustments
- \$829 million in loans at book value, which decreased to \$531 million after applying purchase accounting fair market value adjustments
- \$706 million in deposits at book value, which increased to \$712 million after applying purchase accounting fair market value adjustments
- \$153 million in borrowings at book value, which increased to \$159 million after applying purchase accounting fair market value adjustments

The loans and foreclosed real estate that we purchased are covered by two loss share agreements with the FDIC, which affords us significant loss protection. Under the loss share agreements, the FDIC will cover 80% of covered loan and foreclosed real estate losses up to \$303 million and 95% of losses that exceed that amount. We



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have recorded an estimated receivable from the FDIC in the amount of \$241.4 million, which represents the fair value of the FDIC's portion of the losses that are expected to be incurred.

We received a \$123 million discount on the assets acquired and paid no deposit premium, which, after applying purchase accounting fair market value adjustments to the acquired assets and assumed deposits, resulted in a gain of \$53.8 million. Also in connection with this transaction, a core deposit intangible of \$3.8 million was recorded. The fair value estimates and resulting gain should be considered preliminary and are subject to change for a period of one year as information relative to closing date fair values becomes available.

Our operating results for the period ended June 30, 2009 include the results of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities for the 11 days subsequent to the acquisition date of June 19, 2009. The acquired loan and deposit balances have not varied materially since June 19, 2009.

## Balance Sheet Growth

Excluding the Cooperative acquisition, we experienced a slight decline in loans during 2009. Internally generated loan balances declined \$13 million, or 0.6%, in the second quarter of 2009 and have declined \$37 million, or 1.7%, year to date. Internally generated deposit growth amounted to \$24 million, or 1.1%, in the second quarter of 2009, and \$88 million, or 4.3%, for the first six months of 2009.

Total assets at June 30, 2009, including the impact of Cooperative, amounted to \$3.5 billion, 34.2% higher than a year earlier. Total loans at June 30, 2009 amounted to \$2.7 billion, a 24.7% increase from a year earlier, and total deposits amounted to \$2.9 billion at June 30, 2009, a 42.6% increase from a year earlier.

## Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Net interest income for the second quarter of 2009 amounted to \$23.4 million, a 9.0% increase over the second quarter of 2008. Net interest income for six months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$45.6 million, a 10.4% increase over the second quarter of 2008. The higher net interest income was a result of higher average balances of loans and deposits as our net interest margin for those periods did not vary significantly among those periods.

Our net interest margin (tax-equivalent net interest income divided by average earnings assets) in the second quarter of 2009 was 3.74%, a three basis point increase from the 3.71% margin realized in the second quarter of 2008 and a six basis point increase from the 3.68% margin realized in the first quarter of 2009. In the second quarter of 2009, for the second consecutive quarter, there were no changes in the interest rates set by the Federal Reserve, and we were able to reprice maturing time deposits at lower levels, which resulted in a higher net interest margin. During the second quarter of 2009, our average yield on loans increased slightly, amounting to 6.00%, a one basis point increase from the first quarter of 2009, while our average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities was 2.25%, a 17 basis point decrease from the first quarter of 2009.

## Provision for Loan Losses and Asset Quality

The current economic environment has resulted in an increase in our loan losses and nonperforming assets, which has led to significantly higher provisions for loan losses. Our provision for loan losses amounted to \$3,926,000 in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$2,059,000 in the second quarter of 2008. The provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$8,411,000 compared to \$3,592,000 recorded in the first half of 2008.

## Noninterest Income

Total noninterest income was \$58.7 million in the second quarter of 2009 and \$63.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. Total noninterest income for 2009 is not comparable to 2008 because of the previously discussed \$53.8 million gain from an acquisition. Excluding that item, total noninterest income for the second

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quarter of 2009 was \$4.9 million compared to \$5.2 million in the second quarter of 2008, and \$9.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 compared to \$10.3 million for the comparable period of 2008. The decreases in 2009 are attributable primarily to lower levels of nonsufficient fund charges as a result of a lower occurrence of overdrawn accounts and higher levels of securities losses and other miscellaneous losses experienced in 2009.

## Noninterest Expenses

Noninterest expenses amounted to \$19.2 million in the second quarter of 2009, an 18.9% increase over 2008. Noninterest expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$35.1 million, a 14.3% increase from the \$30.7 million recorded in the first six months of 2008. The increases are primarily due to higher FDIC insurance expense, higher employee insurance costs, higher pension plan costs, and acquisition-related expenses, which were partially offset by lower salaries expense.

Our effective tax rate was approximately 37%-39% for each of the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

## Components of Earnings

Net interest income is the largest component of earnings, representing the difference between interest and fees generated from earning assets and the interest costs of deposits and other funds needed to support those assets. Net interest income for the three month period ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$23,443,000, an increase of \$1,942,000, or 9.0%, from the \$21,501,000 recorded in the second quarter of 2008. Net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis for the three months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$23,630,000, an increase of \$1,966,000, or 9.1%, from the \$21,664,000 recorded in the second quarter of 2008. We believe that analysis of net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis is useful and appropriate because it allows a comparison of net interest income amounts in different periods without taking into account the different mix of taxable versus non-taxable investments that may have existed during those periods.

| (\$ in thousands)                   | Three Months Ended June<br>30, |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                                     | 2009                           | 2008   |
| Net interest income, as reported    | \$ 23,443                      | 21,501 |
| Tax-equivalent adjustment           | 187                            | 163    |
| Net interest income, tax-equivalent | \$ 23,630                      | 21,664 |

Net interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$45,553,000, an increase of \$4,288,000, or 10.4%, from the \$41,265,000 recorded in the first six months of 2008. Net interest income on a taxable equivalent basis for the six months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$45,903,000, an increase of \$4,311,000, or 10.4%, from the \$41,592,000 recorded in the first six months of 2008.

| (\$ in thousands)                | Six Months Ended June, |        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|                                  | 2009                   | 2008   |
| Net interest income, as reported | \$ 45,553              | 41,265 |
| Tax-equivalent adjustment        | 350                    | 327    |

|  |           |        |
|--|-----------|--------|
| Net interest income,<br>tax-equivalent | \$ 45,903 | 41,592 |
|--|-----------|--------|

There are two primary factors that cause changes in the amount of net interest income we record - 1) growth in loans and deposits, and 2) our net interest margin (tax-equivalent net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets).

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the increases in net interest income over the comparable periods in 2008 were due primarily to growth in loans and deposits, as our net interest margins in 2009 have not varied significantly from the comparable periods in 2008. Our net interest margin was 3.74% in the second

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quarter of 2009 compared to 3.71% in the second quarter of 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 our net interest margin was 3.71% compared to 3.75% for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

The following tables present net interest income analysis on a tax-equivalent basis for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

| (\$ in thousands)   | For the Three Months Ended June 30,<br>2009 |                 |                               | 2008              |                 |                               | Interest<br>Earned<br>or Paid |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | Average<br>Volume                           | Average<br>Rate | Interest<br>Earned<br>or Paid | Average<br>Volume | Average<br>Rate | Interest<br>Earned<br>or Paid |                               |
| <b>Assets</b>   |   |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |                               |
| Loans (1)   | \$2,249,130                                 | 6.00            | % \$33,640                    | \$2,144,694       | 6.53            | %                             | \$34,814                      |
| Taxable securities  | 165,555                                     | 4.08            | % 1,682                       | 148,429           | 5.10            | %                             | 1,882                         |
| Non-taxable securities (2)  | 20,407                                      | 7.45            | % 379                         | 16,274            | 8.01            | %                             | 324                           |
| Short-term investments  | 101,931                                     | 0.26            | % 66                          | 40,737            | 2.72            | %                             | 276                           |
| Total interest-earning assets   | 2,537,023                                   | 5.65            | % 35,767                      | 2,350,134         | 6.38            | %                             | 37,296                        |
| Cash and due from banks   | 36,701                                      |                 |                               | 41,628            |                 |                               |                               |
| Premises and equipment  | 52,200                                      |                 |                               | 50,198            |                 |                               |                               |
| Other assets  | 99,290                                      |                 |                               | 68,531            |                 |                               |                               |
| Total assets  | \$2,725,214                                 |                 |                               | \$2,510,491       |                 |                               |                               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |   |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |                               |
| NOW accounts  | \$228,436                                   | 0.29            | % \$167                       | \$203,140         | 0.20            | %                             | \$103                         |
| Money market accounts   | 397,052                                     | 1.48            | % 1,467                       | 313,829           | 2.23            | %                             | 1,742                         |
| Savings accounts  | 128,828                                     | 1.10            | % 352                         | 133,925           | 1.74            | %                             | 579                           |
| Time deposits >\$100,000  | 655,567                                     | 2.92            | % 4,769                       | 538,131           | 4.13            | %                             | 5,523                         |
| Other time deposits   | 598,780                                     | 2.99            | % 4,469                       | 602,045           | 3.92            | %                             | 5,863                         |
| Total interest-bearing<br>deposits                                      | 2,008,663                                   | 2.24            | % 11,224                      | 1,791,070         | 3.10            | %                             | 13,810                        |
| Securities sold under<br>agreements to repurchase                       | 55,046                                      | 1.49            | % 205                         | 40,470            | 1.74            | %                             | 175                           |
| Borrowings  | 97,962                                      | 2.90            | % 708                         | 199,957           | 3.31            | %                             | 1,647                         |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities                                      | 2,161,671                                   | 2.25            | % 12,137                      | 2,031,497         | 3.09            | %                             | 15,632                        |
| Non-interest-bearing deposits   | 246,711                                     |                 |                               | 241,831           |                 |                               |                               |
| Other liabilities   | 22,939                                      |                 |                               | 19,459            |                 |                               |                               |
| Shareholders' equity  | 293,893                                     |                 |                               | 217,704           |                 |                               |                               |
| Total liabilities<br>and shareholders' equity                           | \$2,725,214                                 |                 |                               | \$2,510,491       |                 |                               |                               |
| <b>Net yield on interest-earning<br/>assets and net interest income</b> |   |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |                               |
| Interest rate spread  |   | 3.74            | % \$23,630                    |                   | 3.71            | %                             | \$21,664                      |
| Average prime rate  |   | 3.40            | %                             |                   | 3.29            | %                             |                               |

- (1) Average loans include nonaccruing loans, the effect of which is to lower the average rate shown.
- (2) Includes tax-equivalent adjustments of \$187,000 and \$163,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively, to reflect the tax benefit that we receive related to tax-exempt securities, which carry interest rates lower than similar taxable investments due to their tax exempt status. This amount has been computed assuming a 39% tax rate and is reduced by the related nondeductible portion of interest expense.
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| (\$ in thousands)   | For the Six Months Ended June 30, |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | 2009                              |                 |                               | 2008              |                 |                               |
|   | Average<br>Volume                 | Average<br>Rate | Interest<br>Earned<br>or Paid | Average<br>Volume | Average<br>Rate | Interest<br>Earned<br>or Paid |
| <b>Assets</b>   |                                   |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |
| Loans (1)   | \$2,225,956                       | 6.00            | % \$66,192                    | \$2,030,011       | 6.81            | % \$68,753                    |
| Taxable securities  | 163,519                           | 4.27            | % 3,462                       | 139,392           | 5.25            | % 3,639                       |
| Non-taxable securities (2)                                      | 18,058                            | 7.75            | % 694                         | 16,499            | 8.00            | % 656                         |
| Short-term investments  | 87,218                            | 0.24            | % 105                         | 45,862            | 3.15            | % 719                         |
| Total interest-earning assets                                   | 2,494,751                         | 5.69            | % 70,453                      | 2,231,764         | 6.65            | % 73,767                      |
| Cash and due from banks   | 37,652                            |                 |                               | 40,057            |                 |                               |
| Premises and equipment  | 52,225                            |                 |                               | 48,074            |                 |                               |
| Other assets  | 86,424                            |                 |                               | 62,562            |                 |                               |
| Total assets  | \$2,671,052                       |                 |                               | \$2,382,457       |                 |                               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |                                   |                 |                               |                   |                 |                               |
| NOW accounts  | \$213,799                         | 0.24            | % \$257                       | \$196,579         | 0.21            | % \$206                       |
| Money market accounts   | 378,921                           | 1.66            | % 3,114                       | 292,249           | 2.46            | % 3,580                       |
| Savings accounts  | 126,033                           | 1.20            | % 750                         | 119,251           | 1.63            | % 964                         |
| Time deposits >\$100,000  | 631,498                           | 3.05            | % 9,565                       | 515,738           | 4.41            | % 11,298                      |
| Other time deposits   | 592,621                           | 3.05            | % 8,963                       | 586,198           | 4.17            | % 12,162                      |
| Total interest-bearing deposits                                 | 1,942,872                         | 2.35            | % 22,649                      | 1,710,015         | 3.32            | % 28,210                      |
| Securities sold under<br>agreements to repurchase               | 53,039                            | 1.52            | % 401                         | 39,458            | 2.35            | % 462                         |
| Borrowings  | 125,303                           | 2.41            | % 1,500                       | 179,857           | 3.92            | % 3,503                       |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities                              | 2,121,214                         | 2.33            | % 24,550                      | 1,929,330         | 3.35            | % 32,175                      |
| Non-interest-bearing deposits                                   | 238,027                           |                 |                               | 235,554           |                 |                               |
| Other liabilities   | 23,607                            |                 |                               | 19,422            |                 |                               |
| Shareholders' equity  | 288,204                           |                 |                               | 198,151           |                 |                               |
| Total liabilities and<br>shareholders' equity                   | \$2,671,052                       |                 |                               | \$2,382,457       |                 |                               |
| Net yield on interest-earning<br>assets and net interest income |                                   | 3.71            | % \$45,903                    |                   | 3.75            | % \$41,592                    |
| Interest rate spread  |                                   | 3.36            | %                             |                   | 3.30            | %                             |
| Average prime rate  |                                   | 3.25            | %                             |                   | 5.65            | %                             |

(1) Average loans include nonaccruing loans, the effect of which is to lower the average rate shown.

(2) Includes tax-equivalent adjustments of \$350,000 and \$327,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively, to reflect the tax benefit that we receive related to tax-exempt securities, which carry interest rates lower than similar taxable investments due to their tax exempt status. This amount has been computed assuming a 39% tax rate and is reduced by the related nondeductible portion of interest expense.

Average loans outstanding for the second quarter of 2009 were \$2.249 billion, which was 4.9% higher than the average loans outstanding for the second quarter of 2008 (\$2.145 billion). Average loans outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were \$2.226 billion, which was 9.7% higher than the average loans outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2008 (\$2.030 billion).

Average total deposits outstanding for the second quarter of 2009 were \$2.255 billion, which was 10.9% higher than the average deposits outstanding for the second quarter of 2008 (\$2.033 billion). Average deposits outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were \$2.181 billion, which was 12.1% higher than the average deposits outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2008 (\$1.946 billion). Generally, we can reinvest funds from deposits at higher yields than the interest rate being paid on those deposits, and therefore increases in deposits typically result in higher amounts of net interest income.



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A majority of the increases in average loans and deposits came as a result of acquisitions. On April 1, 2008, we acquired Great Pee Dee Bancorp, which had \$184 million in loans and \$148 million in deposits. On June 19, 2009, we acquired most of the assets and liabilities of Cooperative Bank, including approximately \$531 million in loans and \$712 million in deposits. The effect of the higher amounts of average loans and deposits was to increase net interest income in 2009.

As a result of the lower interest rate environment in 2009 compared to 2008, the yields earned on assets and rates paid on liabilities have both declined. The amount of the decline on interest-earning assets has not varied significantly from the decline in the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities. As derived in the above tables, in the second quarter of 2009, the average yield on interest-earning assets was 5.65%, a 73 basis point decline from the 6.38% yield in the second quarter of 2008, while the average rate on interest bearing liabilities declined by 84 basis points, from 3.09% in the second quarter of 2008 to 2.25% in the second quarter of 2009. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, the average yield on interest-earning assets was 5.69%, a 96 basis point decline from the 6.65% yield for the same period of 2008, while the average rate on interest bearing liabilities declined by 102 basis points, from 3.35% in 2008 to 2.33% for the first half of 2009.

See additional information regarding net interest income in the section entitled "Interest Rate Risk."

The current economic environment has resulted in an increase in our loan losses and nonperforming assets, which has led to significantly higher provisions for loan losses. Our provision for loan losses amounted to \$3,926,000 in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$2,059,000 in the second quarter of 2008. The provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$8,411,000 compared to \$3,592,000 recorded in the first half of 2008.

The increases in the provisions for loan losses are solely attributable to our "non-covered" loan portfolio, which excludes loans assumed from Cooperative that are subject to loss share agreements with the FDIC. We do not expect to record any significant loan loss provisions in the foreseeable future related to Cooperative's loan portfolio because these loans were written down to estimated fair market value in connection with the recording of the acquisition.

Our non-covered nonperforming assets were \$53.2 million at June 30, 2009 compared to \$35.4 million at December 31, 2008 and \$24.5 million at June 30, 2008. Our ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average non-covered loans was 0.49% for the second quarter of 2009 compared to 0.22% in the second quarter of 2008. Our ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average non-covered loans was 0.41% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 compared to 0.20% for the comparable period of 2008.

Noninterest income was \$58.7 million in the second quarter of 2009 and \$63.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. In June 2009, we recorded a gain of \$53.8 million related to our acquisition of Cooperative Bank. This gain resulted from the difference between the purchase price and the acquisition-date fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities. See Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on this transaction. Excluding the acquisition gain, our noninterest income was \$4.9 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$5.2 million in the second quarter of 2008, and noninterest income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$9.6 million compared to \$10.3 million for the comparable period in 2008. The decreases in 2009 are attributable primarily to lower levels of nonsufficient fund charges as a result of a lower occurrence of overdrawn accounts and higher levels of securities losses and other miscellaneous losses experienced in 2009.

Noninterest expenses amounted to \$19.2 million in the second quarter of 2009, an 18.9% increase over 2008. Noninterest expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 amounted to \$35.1 million, a 14.3% increase from the \$30.7 million recorded in the first six months of 2008. The increases are primarily due to higher FDIC insurance expense, higher employee insurance costs, higher pension plan costs, and acquisition-related expenses, which were partially offset by lower salaries expense, as discussed in the following paragraphs.



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FDIC insurance expense amounted to \$2.4 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$245,000 in the second quarter of 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, FDIC insurance expense amounted to \$3.2 million compared to \$485,000 for the first six months of 2008. During the second quarter of 2009, we recorded a \$1.6 million charge related to a special assessment levied by the FDIC on all banks. In addition to that assessment, the amount of recurring FDIC insurance expense has increased significantly in 2009 as a result of the FDIC raising quarterly insurance rates in 2009 in order to replenish its reserves.

Personnel expense amounted to \$9.6 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$9.1 million in the second quarter of 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, personnel expense amounted to \$18.4 million compared to \$17.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Our quarterly pension expense has been approximately \$300,000 higher in each of the first two quarters of 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of investment losses experienced by the pension plan's assets in 2008. In order to manage this expense, we are no longer adding new participants to the plan. Also negatively impacting personnel expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 was an unfavorable quarter that we experienced related to our employees' health care costs. Health care costs were approximately \$500,000 higher in the second quarter of 2009 compared to typical recent quarters. Salaries expense related to new employees assumed in the Cooperative acquisition amounted to \$200,000 in the second quarter of 2009. Partially offsetting these personnel cost increases were decreases in salaries expense of \$678,000 and \$930,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2008, as a result of our decision to freeze salaries and suspend our annual incentive plan program due to the economic environment. Subsequent to June 30, 2009, we have lifted the salary freeze and authorized a limited bonus plan, and thus we expect salaries expense to increase in future quarters by more than the incremental impact of the Cooperative salaries that were added.

In the second quarter of 2009, we recorded acquisition related expenses related to Cooperative Bank of \$792,000 consisting primarily of professional fees and severance expenses. We expect additional severance expenses to be incurred during the remainder of 2009 as we integrate and consolidate the operations of Cooperative.

Our effective tax rate for all periods presented was approximately 38%, and we expect to have that same rate for the foreseeable future.

The Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income reflect other comprehensive income of \$1.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and other comprehensive loss of \$446,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, compared to other comprehensive losses amounting to \$1,884,000 and \$889,000 for the comparable periods in 2008, respectively. The primary component of other comprehensive income/loss for the periods presented was changes in unrealized holding gains/losses of our available for sale securities. Our available for sale securities portfolio is predominantly comprised of fixed rate bonds that increase in value when market yields for fixed rate bonds decrease and decline in value when market yields for fixed rate bonds increase. Market yields for fixed rate bonds increased throughout 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 as a result of the economic recession, while yields declined in the second quarter of 2009.

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## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets at June 30, 2009 amounted to \$3.52 billion, 34.2% higher than a year earlier. Total loans at June 30, 2009 amounted to \$2.70 billion, a 24.7% increase from a year earlier, and total deposits amounted to \$2.88 billion at June 30, 2009, a 42.6% increase from a year earlier.

The following tables present information regarding the nature of our growth for the twelve months ended June 30, 2009 and for the first six months of 2009.

| July 1, 2008 to<br>June 30, 2009    | Balance at<br>beginning<br>of period | Internal<br>Growth | Growth<br>from<br>Acquisitions<br>(\$ in thousands) | Balance at<br>end of<br>period | Total<br>percentage<br>growth | Percentage<br>growth,<br>excluding<br>acquisitions |       |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------|---|--|
| Loans                               | \$2,166,840                          | 4,160              | 530,783   | 2,701,783                      | 24.7                          | %  | 0.2   | % |  |
| Deposits - Noninterest bearing      | \$240,206                            | (3,761 )           | 35,224  | 271,669                        | 13.1                          | %  | -1.6  | % |  |
| Deposits - NOW                      | 200,355                              | 39,621             | 32,015  | 271,991                        | 35.8                          | %  | 19.8  | % |  |
| Deposits - Money market             | 327,825                              | 75,425             | 45,757  | 449,007                        | 37.0                          | %  | 23.0  | % |  |
| Deposits - Savings                  | 136,229                              | (12,278 )          | 21,243  | 145,194                        | 6.6                           | %  | -9.0  | % |  |
| Deposits - Brokered time            | 21,666                               | 44,324             | 42,943  | 108,933                        | 402.8                         | %  | 204.6 | % |  |
| Deposits - Internet time            | -                                    | 6,890              | 161,672   | 168,562                        | n/a                           |  | n/a   |   |  |
| Deposits - Time>\$100,000           | 503,575                              | 21,691             | 148,104   | 673,370                        | 33.7                          | %  | 4.3   | % |  |
| Deposits - Time<\$100,000           | 586,621                              | (25,284 )          | 225,103   | 786,440                        | 34.1                          | %  | -4.3  | % |  |
| Total deposits                      | \$2,016,477                          | 146,628            | 712,061   | 2,875,166                      | 42.6                          | %  | 7.3   | % |  |
| January 1, 2009 to<br>June 30, 2009 |                                      |                    |   |                                |                               |  |       |   |  |
| Loans                               | \$2,211,315                          | (40,315 )          | 530,783   | 2,701,783                      | 22.2                          | %  | -1.8  | % |  |
| Deposits - Noninterest bearing      | \$229,478                            | 6,967              | 35,224  | 271,669                        | 18.4                          | %  | 3.0   | % |  |
| Deposits - NOW                      | 198,775                              | 41,201             | 32,015  | 271,991                        | 36.8                          | %  | 20.7  | % |  |
| Deposits - Money market             | 340,739                              | 62,511             | 45,757  | 449,007                        | 31.8                          | %  | 18.3  | % |  |
| Deposits - Savings                  | 125,240                              | (1,289 )           | 21,243  | 145,194                        | 15.9                          | %  | -1.0  | % |  |
| Deposits - Brokered time            | 78,569                               | (12,579 )          | 42,943  | 108,933                        | 38.6                          | %  | -16.0 | % |  |
| Deposits - Internet time            | 5,206                                | 1,684              | 161,672   | 168,562                        | n/a                           |  | 32.3  | % |  |
| Deposits - Time>\$100,000           | 520,198                              | 5,068              | 148,104   | 673,370                        | 29.4                          | %  | 1.0   | % |  |
| Deposits - Time<\$100,000           | 576,586                              | (15,249 )          | 225,103   | 786,440                        | 36.4                          | %  | -2.6  | % |  |
| Total deposits                      | \$2,074,791                          | 88,314             | 712,061   | 2,875,166                      | 38.6                          | %  | 4.3   | % |  |

As derived from the table above, for the twelve months preceding June 30, 2009, our loans increased by \$535 million, or 24.7%, virtually all of which was related to our acquisition of Cooperative Bank on June 19, 2009. Over that same period, deposits increased \$859 million, or 42.6%, of which \$147 million was internal growth and \$712 million was from the Cooperative Bank acquisition. For the first half of 2009, internally generated loans decreased \$40 million, or 3.6% on an annualized basis, while internally generated deposits increased by \$88 million, or 8.6% on an annualized basis. We believe internally generated loans have declined due to lower loan demand in the recessionary economy, as well as an initiative that began in 2008 to require generally higher loan interest rates to better compensate us for our risk.

The deposit portfolio assumed from Cooperative Bank had a high concentration of time deposits, comprising approximately 81% of total deposits compared to our recent historical average of 55%-57%. Time deposits are generally our bank's most expensive funding source. Additionally, Cooperative Bank's time deposits were more heavily concentrated in brokered time deposits and time deposits gathered by placing interest rates on internet websites. Prior to the Cooperative Bank acquisition, we had \$66 million in brokered deposits and \$7 million in

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internet deposits. The acquisition brought us an additional \$43 million in brokered deposits and \$162 million in internet deposits. We believe these two types of deposit sources have little long term value, as the interest rates are relatively high and there is no opportunity to develop additional business with those customers. We believe that our level of internet deposits will begin to steadily decline in future quarters as those deposits mature because we plan to offer interest rates on renewals that are less competitive than the relatively high rates that Cooperative was offering. We expect to replace those deposits with either retail deposits or brokered deposits at lower interest rates.

The mix of our loan portfolio remains substantially the same at June 30, 2009 compared to December 31, 2008. The majority of our real estate loans are personal and commercial loans where real estate provides additional security for the loan.

The following table provides additional information regarding our mix of total loans. For a break-out of loans covered by FDIC loss sharing agreements and non-covered loans by type, see Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements.

| (\$ in thousands)   | June 30,<br>2009 |            |   | December 31,<br>2008 |            |   | June 30,<br>2008 |            |   |
|---|------------------|------------|---|----------------------|------------|---|------------------|------------|---|
|   | Amount           | Percentage |   | Amount               | Percentage |   | Amount           | Percentage |   |
| Commercial, financial, and agricultural                           | \$ 184,451       | 7          | % | 190,428              | 9          | % | 186,720          | 9          | % |
| Real estate – construction, land development & other land loans   | 608,451          | 23         | % | 481,849              | 22         | % | 467,502          | 22         | % |
| Real estate – mortgage – residential (1-4 family) first mortgages | 826,730          | 31         | % | 576,884              | 26         | % | 552,698          | 25         | % |
| Real estate – mortgage – home equity loans / lines of credit      | 276,351          | 10         | % | 249,764              | 11         | % | 243,835          | 11         | % |
| Real estate – mortgage – commercial and other                     | 711,877          | 26         | % | 620,444              | 28         | % | 613,418          | 28         | % |
| Installment loans to individuals                                  | 93,567           | 3          | % | 91,711               | 4          | % | 102,434          | 5          | % |
| Subtotal  | 2,701,427        | 100        | % | 2,211,080            | 100        | % | 2,166,607        | 100        | % |
| Unamortized net deferred loan costs                               | 356              |            |   | 235                  |            |   | 233              |            |   |
| Total loans   | \$2,701,783      |            |   | 2,211,315            |            |   | 2,166,840        |            |   |

## Nonperforming Assets

Nonperforming assets are defined as nonaccrual loans, restructured loans, loans past due 90 or more days and still accruing interest, and other real estate. As previously discussed, in our acquisition of Cooperative Bank, we entered into loss sharing agreements with the FDIC, which afford us significant protection from losses from all loans and other real estate acquired in the acquisition.

Because of the loss protection provided by the FDIC, the financial risk of the Cooperative Bank loans and foreclosed real estate are significantly different from those assets not covered under the loss share agreements. Accordingly, we presents separately loans subject to the loss share agreements as “covered loans” in the information below and loans that are not subject to the loss share agreements as “non-covered loans.”



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Nonperforming assets are summarized as follows:

| ASSET QUALITY DATA (\$ in thousands)           | June 30, 2009 | Dec. 31, 2008 | June 30, 2008 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nonaccrual loans – non-covered                 | \$ 43,210     | 26,600        | 17,588        |
| Nonaccrual loans – covered by FDIC loss share  | 41,985        | -             | -             |
| Restructured loans – non-covered               | 3,995         | 3,995         | 3,995         |
| Accruing loans > 90 days past due              | -             | -             | -             |
| Total nonperforming loans                      | 89,190        | 30,595        | 21,583        |
| Other real estate – non-covered                | 6,032         | 4,832         | 2,934         |
| Other real estate – covered by FDIC loss share | 12,415        | -             | -             |
| Total nonperforming assets                     | \$ 107,637    | 35,427        | 24,517        |
| Total nonperforming assets – non-covered       | \$ 53,237     | 35,427        | 24,517        |

(1) At June 30, 2009, the contractual balance of the nonaccrual loans covered by the FDIC loss share agreements was \$122.6 million.

## Asset Quality Ratios

|  |       |   |       |   |        |   |
|--|-------|---|-------|---|--------|---|
| Net charge-offs to average non-covered loans - annualized    | 0.49  | % | 0.38  | % | 0.22   | % |
| Non-covered nonperforming loans to non-covered loans         | 2.17  | % | 1.38  | % | 1.00   | % |
| Non-covered nonperforming assets to total assets             | 1.51  | % | 1.29  | % | 0.94   | % |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-covered loans               | 1.53  | % | 1.32  | % | 1.20   | % |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-covered nonperforming loans | 70.30 | % | 95.62 | % | 120.75 | % |

We have reviewed the collateral for our nonperforming assets, including nonaccrual loans, and have included this review among the factors considered in the evaluation of the allowance for loan losses discussed below.

Consistent with the recessionary economy, we have experienced increases in loan losses, delinquencies and nonperforming assets. Our total nonperforming assets were also significantly impacted by the Cooperative acquisition. Our non-covered nonperforming assets were \$53.2 million at June 30, 2009 compared to \$35.4 million at December 31, 2008 and \$24.5 million at June 30, 2008. Our ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average loans was 0.49% for the second quarter of 2009 compared to 0.22% in the second quarter of 2008. Our ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average loans was 0.41% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 compared to 0.20% for the comparable period of 2008.

The following is the composition by loan type of all of our nonaccrual loans at each period end:



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|   | At June 30,<br>2009 (1) | At December 31,<br>2008 | At June 30,<br>2008 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Commercial, financial, and agricultural                               | \$ 2,455                | 1,726                   | 1,362               |
| Real estate – construction, land<br>development, and other land loans | 46,084                  | 6,936                   | 4,052               |
| Real estate – mortgage – residential (1-4<br>family) first mortgages  | 22,390                  | 10,856                  | 4,938               |
| Real estate – mortgage – home equity<br>loans/lines of credit         | 4,122                   | 2,242                   | 1,579               |
| Real estate – mortgage – commercial and<br>other                      | 8,817                   | 3,624                   | 4,332               |
| Installment loans to individuals                                      | 1,327                   | 1,216                   | 1,325               |
| Total nonaccrual loans  | \$ 85,195               | 26,600                  | 17,588              |

(1) Includes both covered and non-covered loans.

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Summary of Loan Loss Experience and Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is created by direct charges to operations. Losses on loans are charged against the allowance in the period in which such loans, in management's opinion, become uncollectible. The recoveries realized during the period are credited to this allowance.

We have no foreign loans, few agricultural loans and do not engage in significant lease financing or highly leveraged transactions. Commercial loans are diversified among a variety of industries. The majority of our real estate loans are primarily personal and commercial loans where real estate provides additional security for the loan. Collateral for virtually all of these loans is located within our principal market area.

Our provision for loan losses amounted to \$3,926,000 in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$2,059,000 in the second quarter of 2008. The provision for loan losses for the six month period ended June 30, 2009 was \$8,411,000 compared to \$3,592,000 recorded in the first half of 2008. The higher 2009 amounts were due to negative trends in asset quality as previously discussed.

In the second quarter of 2009, we recorded \$2,653,000 in net charge-offs, which amounted to 0.49% annualized net charge-offs to average non-covered loans, compared to \$1,148,000 (0.22%) in the second quarter of 2008. For the six month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, our annualized net charge-offs to average non-covered loans ratios were 0.41% and 0.20%, respectively. Our ratio of non-covered nonperforming assets to total assets was 1.51% at June 30, 2009 compared to 0.94% at June 30, 2008.

At June 30, 2009, the allowance for loan losses amounted to \$33,185,000, compared to \$29,256,000 at December 31, 2008 and \$26,061,000 at June 30, 2008. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total non-covered loans was 1.53% at June 30, 2009, 1.32% at December 31, 2008, and 1.20% at June 30, 2008.

We believe our reserve levels are adequate to cover probable loan losses on the loans outstanding as of each reporting date. It must be emphasized, however, that the determination of the reserve using our procedures and methods rests upon various judgments and assumptions about economic conditions and other factors affecting loans. No assurance can be given that we will not in any particular period sustain loan losses that are sizable in relation to the amounts reserved or that subsequent evaluations of the loan portfolio, in light of conditions and factors then prevailing, will not require significant changes in the allowance for loan losses or future charges to earnings. See "Critical Accounting Policies – Allowance for Loan Losses" above.

In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for loan losses and value of other real estate. Such agencies may require us to recognize adjustments to the allowance or the carrying value of other real estate based on their judgments about information available at the time of their examinations.

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For the periods indicated, the following table summarizes our balances of loans outstanding, average loans outstanding, changes in the allowance for loan losses arising from charge-offs and recoveries, additions to the allowance for loan losses that have been charged to expense, and additions that were recorded related to acquisitions.

| (\$ in thousands)  | Six Months<br>Ended<br>June 30,<br>2009 | Twelve<br>Months<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>2008 | Six Months<br>Ended<br>June 30,<br>2008 |   |      |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|------|---|
| Total loans outstanding at end of period                                     | \$ 2,701,783                            | 2,211,315   | 2,166,840                               |   |      |   |
| Non-covered loans outstanding at end of period                               | \$ 2,174,422                            | 2,211,315   | 2,166,840                               |   |      |   |
| Covered loans outstanding at end of period                                   | \$ 527,361                              | –   | –                                       |   |      |   |
| Average amount of non-covered loans outstanding                              | \$ 2,193,906                            | 2,117,028   | 2,030,011                               |   |      |   |
| Allowance for loan losses, at beginning of period                            | \$ 29,256                               | 21,324  | 21,324                                  |   |      |   |
| Loans charged-off:   |   |   |   |   |      |   |
| Commercial, financial and agricultural                                       | (997 )                                  | (992 )  | (105 )                                  |   |      |   |
| Real estate - mortgage   | (2,759 )                                | (2,932 )  | (1,269 )                                |   |      |   |
| Installment loans to individuals   | (711 )                                  | (1,008 )  | (528 )                                  |   |      |   |
| Overdraft protection   | (338 )                                  | (706 )  | (343 )                                  |   |      |   |
| Total charge-offs  | (4,805 )                                | (5,638 )  | (2,245 )                                |   |      |   |
| Recoveries of loans previously charged-off:                                  |   |   |   |   |      |   |
| Commercial, financial and agricultural                                       | 13                                      | 31  | 25                                      |   |      |   |
| Real estate - mortgage   | 166                                     | 264   | 96                                      |   |      |   |
| Installment loans to individuals   | 57                                      | 111   | 36                                      |   |      |   |
| Overdraft protection   | 87                                      | 126   | 75                                      |   |      |   |
| Total recoveries   | 323                                     | 532   | 232                                     |   |      |   |
| Net charge-offs  | (4,482 )                                | (5,106 )  | (2,013 )                                |   |      |   |
| Additions to the allowance charged to expense                                | 8,411                                   | 9,880   | 3,592                                   |   |      |   |
| Additions related to loans assumed in corporate acquisitions                 | –                                       | 3,158   | 3,158                                   |   |      |   |
| Allowance for loan losses, at end of period                                  | \$ 33,185                               | 29,256  | 26,061                                  |   |      |   |
| Ratios:  |   |   |   |   |      |   |
| Net charge-offs (annualized) as a percent of average loans                   | 0.41                                    | %   | 0.24                                    | % | 0.20 | % |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percent of non-covered loans at end of period | 1.53                                    | %   | 1.32                                    | % | 1.20 | % |

Based on the results of our loan analysis and grading program and our evaluation of the allowance for loan losses at June 30, 2009, there have been no material changes to the allocation of the allowance for loan losses among the various categories of loans since December 31, 2008.

## Liquidity, Commitments, and Contingencies

Our liquidity is determined by our ability to convert assets to cash or acquire alternative sources of funds to meet the needs of our customers who are withdrawing or borrowing funds, and to maintain required reserve levels, pay expenses and operate our business on an ongoing basis. Our primary internal liquidity sources are net income from operations, cash and due from banks, federal funds sold and other short-term investments. Our securities portfolio is comprised almost entirely of readily marketable securities, which could also be sold to provide cash.

In addition to internally generated liquidity sources, we have the ability to obtain borrowings from the following four sources - 1) an approximately \$712 million line of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank (of

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which \$184 million was outstanding at June 30, 2009), 2) a \$50 million overnight federal funds line of credit with a correspondent bank (none of which was outstanding at June 30, 2009), 3) an approximately \$97 million line of credit through the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's discount window (none of which was outstanding at June 30, 2009) and 4) a \$20 million line of credit with a commercial bank (none of which was outstanding on June 30, 2009). In addition to the outstanding borrowings from the FHLB that reduce the available borrowing capacity of that line of credit, our borrowing capacity was further reduced by \$120 million and \$75 million at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, as a result of our pledging letters of credit for public deposits at each of those dates. Unused and available lines of credit amounted to \$575 million at June 30, 2009 compared to \$346 million at December 31, 2008.

Our overall liquidity has improved during the first half of 2009. As noted previously, excluding the Cooperative acquisition, we have experienced \$88 million in deposit growth and our loans have decreased \$40 million, thereby creating \$128 million in additional liquidity. Additionally, the receipt of \$65 million in proceeds from the sale of preferred stock to the US Treasury improved our liquidity. There was no significant impact on our liquidity as a result of the Cooperative acquisition. Although our liquid assets (cash and securities) as a percentage of our total deposits and borrowings decreased from 16.5% at December 31, 2008 to 13.9% at June 30, 2009, the growth in our deposits has lessened our reliance on borrowings and we have \$229 million more in unused lines of credit available.

We believe our liquidity sources, including unused lines of credit, are at an acceptable level and remain adequate to meet our operating needs in the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor our liquidity position carefully and will explore and implement strategies to increase liquidity if deemed appropriate.

The amount and timing of our contractual obligations and commercial commitments has not changed materially since December 31, 2008, detail of which is presented in Table 18 on page 67 of our 2008 Form 10-K.

We are not involved in any legal proceedings that, in our opinion, could have a material effect on our consolidated financial position.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Derivative Financial Instruments

Off-balance sheet arrangements include transactions, agreements, or other contractual arrangements in which we have obligations or provide guarantees on behalf of an unconsolidated entity. We have no off-balance sheet arrangements of this kind other than repayment guarantees associated with trust preferred securities.

Derivative financial instruments include futures, forwards, interest rate swaps, options contracts, and other financial instruments with similar characteristics. We have not engaged in derivative activities through June 30, 2009, and have no current plans to do so.

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## Capital Resources

We are regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board (FED) and are subject to the securities registration and public reporting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our banking subsidiary is regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks. We are not aware of any recommendations of regulatory authorities or otherwise which, if they were to be implemented, would have a material effect on our liquidity, capital resources, or operations.

We must comply with regulatory capital requirements established by the FED and FDIC. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Our capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors. These capital standards require us to maintain minimum ratios of “Tier 1” capital to total risk-weighted assets and total capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.00% and 8.00%, respectively. Tier 1 capital is comprised of total shareholders’ equity calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), less intangible assets, and total capital is comprised of Tier 1 capital plus certain adjustments, the largest of which is our allowance for loan losses. Risk-weighted assets refer to our on- and off-balance sheet exposures, adjusted for their related risk levels using formulas set forth in FED and FDIC regulations.

In addition to the risk-based capital requirements described above, we are subject to a leverage capital requirement, which calls for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital (as defined above) to quarterly average total assets of 3.00% to 5.00%, depending upon the institution’s composite ratings as determined by its regulators. The FED has not advised us of any requirement specifically applicable to us.

At June 30, 2009, our capital ratios exceeded the regulatory minimum ratios discussed above. The following table presents our capital ratios and the regulatory minimums discussed above for the periods indicated.

|  | June 30,<br>2009 | March 31,<br>2009 | Dec. 31,<br>2008 | June 30,<br>2008 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Risk-based capital ratios:   |                  |                   |                  |                  |
| Tier I capital to Tier I risk adjusted assets                          | 12.36%           | 12.89%            | 9.40%            | 9.32%            |
| Minimum required Tier I capital  | 4.00%            | 4.00%             | 4.00%            | 4.00%            |
| Total risk-based capital to Tier II risk-adjusted assets               |                  |                   |                  |                  |
| Minimum required total risk-based capital                              | 8.00%            | 8.00%             | 8.00%            | 8.00%            |
| Leverage capital ratios:   |                  |                   |                  |                  |
| Tier I leverage capital to adjusted most recent quarter average assets | 11.45%           | 10.71%            | 8.10%            | 8.16%            |
| Minimum required Tier I leverage capital                               | 4.00%            | 4.00%             | 4.00%            | 4.00%            |

The significant increase in our capital ratios from December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009 was a result of our January 9, 2009 sale of \$65 million of preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury Department (see Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements for additional discussion). The Cooperative acquisition caused the decrease in our capital ratios from March 31, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

Our bank subsidiary is also subject to capital requirements similar to those discussed above. The bank subsidiary's capital ratios do not vary materially from our capital ratios presented above. At June 30, 2009, our bank subsidiary exceeded the minimum ratios established by the FED and FDIC.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

The following is a list of business development and other miscellaneous matters affecting First Bancorp and First Bank, our bank subsidiary, since January 1, 2009 that have not previously been discussed. In Virginia, First Bank does business as “First Bank of Virginia.”

- We have received regulatory approval to open a full-service bank branch in Christiansburg, Virginia. Construction of a branch facility is expected to begin soon. This will be our sixth branch in southwestern Virginia.
- On March 23, 2009, we opened a second branch in Florence, South Carolina located at 2107 West Evans Street.
- On January 2, 2009, we consolidated our “Primer Banco” branch located in Asheboro with an existing Asheboro First Bank branch located at 1724 North Fayetteville Street.

SHARE REPURCHASES

We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during the first six months of 2009. At June 30, 2009, we had approximately 235,000 shares available for repurchase under existing authority from our board of directors. We may repurchase these shares in open market and privately negotiated transactions, as market conditions and our liquidity warrants, subject to compliance with applicable regulations. However, as a result of our participation in the U.S. Treasury’s Capital Purchase Program, we are prohibited from buying back stock without the permission of the Treasury until the preferred stock issued under that program is redeemed. See also Part II, Item 2 “Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.”



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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

## INTEREST RATE RISK (INCLUDING QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK)

Net interest income is our most significant component of earnings. Notwithstanding changes in volumes of loans and deposits, our level of net interest income is continually at risk due to the effect that changes in general market interest rate trends have on interest yields earned and paid with respect to the various categories of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. It is our policy to maintain portfolios of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities with maturities and repricing opportunities that will afford protection, to the extent practical, against wide interest rate fluctuations. Our exposure to interest rate risk is analyzed on a regular basis by management using standard GAP reports, maturity reports, and an asset/liability software model that simulates future levels of interest income and expense based on current interest rates, expected future interest rates, and various intervals of “shock” interest rates. Over the years, we have been able to maintain a fairly consistent yield on average earning assets (net interest margin). Over the past five calendar years, our net interest margin has ranged from a low of 3.74% (realized in 2008) to a high of 4.33% (realized in 2005). During that five year period, the prime rate of interest ranged from a low of 3.25% (which was the rate at June 30, 2009) to a high of 8.25%. Our net interest margin for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 was 3.71%.

Using stated maturities for all instruments, we have more in interest-bearing liabilities than earning assets that are subject to interest rate changes within one year. This generally would indicate that net interest income would experience downward pressure in a rising interest rate environment and would benefit from a declining interest rate environment. However, this method of analyzing interest sensitivity only measures the magnitude of the timing differences and does not address earnings, market value, or management actions. Also, interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market rates. In addition to the effects of “when” various rate-sensitive products reprice, market rate changes may not result in uniform changes in rates among all products. For example, included in interest-bearing liabilities subject to interest rate changes within one year at June 30, 2009 are NOW, savings, and certain types of money market deposits with interest rates set by management. These types of deposits historically have not repriced with or in the same proportion as general market indicators.

Overall we believe that in the near term (twelve months), net interest income will not likely experience significant downward pressure from rising interest rates. Similarly, we would not expect a significant increase in near term net interest income from falling interest rates. Generally, when rates change, our interest-sensitive assets that are subject to adjustment reprice immediately at the full amount of the change, while our interest-sensitive liabilities that are subject to adjustment reprice at a lag to the rate change and typically not to the full extent of the rate change. In the short-term (less than six months), this results in us being asset-sensitive, meaning that our net interest income benefits from an increase in interest rates and is negatively impacted by a decrease in interest rates. However, in the twelve-month horizon, the impact of having a higher level of interest-sensitive liabilities lessens the short-term effects of changes in interest rates.

From September 2007 to December 2008, in response to the declining economy, the Federal Reserve announced a series of interest rate reductions with rate cuts totaling 500 basis points and rates reaching historic lows. As noted above, our net interest margin is negatively impacted, at least in the short-term, by reductions in interest rates. In addition to the initial normal decline in net interest margin that we experience when interest rates are reduced (as discussed above), the cumulative impact of the magnitude of 500 basis points in interest rate cuts is expected to amplify and lengthen the negative impact on our net interest margin in 2009 and possibly beyond. This is primarily due to our inability to cut a large portion of our interest-bearing deposits by any significant amount due to their already near-zero interest rate. Also, for many of our deposit products, including time deposits that have recently

matured, we have been unable to lower the interest rates we pay our customers by the full 500 basis point interest rate decrease due to competitive pressures. The impact of the declining rate environment was mitigated by an initiative we began in late 2007 to add interest rate floors to our adjustable rate loans. At December 31, 2008, adjustable rate loans totaling \$411 million (42% of all adjustable rate loans) had reached their contractual floors

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and no longer subjected us to risk in the event of further rate cuts. The net impact of those factors was that our net interest margin steadily declined from 4.03% in the second quarter of 2007 to 3.68% in the first quarter of 2009. The second quarter of 2009 was the second consecutive quarter in which there were no changes in Federal Reserve interest rates, which resulted in our net interest margin increasing 6 basis points from the first quarter of 2009. In the second quarter of 2009, our interest-earning asset yield declined by only 9 basis points from the first quarter of 2009 (from 5.74% to 5.65%), while our interest-bearing liabilities declined by 17 basis points (from 2.42% to 2.25%) as a result of time deposits that matured during the quarter that were renewed at lower interest rates, as well as more disciplined pricing among other deposit categories.

Due to the recent acquisition date, we have not yet fully analyzed the impact that the acquisition of Cooperative Bank will have on our net interest margin or our overall interest rate risk profile. According to a recent interest rate risk report we have reviewed prepared by a consultant of Cooperative, the consultant estimated that Cooperative would perform better in a rising interest rate environment than in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of changes in interest rates on Cooperative was not excessive in our judgment, and thus we do not expect a significant impact on interest rate risk related to Cooperative.

We have no market risk sensitive instruments held for trading purposes, nor do we maintain any foreign currency positions.

See additional discussion regarding net interest income, as well as discussion of the changes in the annual net interest margin in the section entitled "Net Interest Income" above.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, which are our controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our periodic reports with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is communicated to our management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on the evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in allowing timely decisions regarding disclosure to be made about material information required to be included in our periodic reports with the SEC. In addition, no change in our internal control over financial reporting has occurred during, or subsequent to, the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## Part II. Other Information

## Item 2 – Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

| Period                          | Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities     |                                    | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased<br>as Part of<br>Publicly<br>Announced<br>Plans or<br>Programs | Maximum<br>Number of<br>Shares that<br>May Yet Be<br>Purchased<br>Under the<br>Plans or<br>Programs (1) |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased | Average<br>Price Paid<br>per Share |  |   |
| April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009 |   |                                    |  | 234,667   |
| May 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009     |   |                                    |  | 234,667   |
| June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009   |   |                                    |  | 234,667   |
| Total                           |   |                                    |  | 234,667 (2)   |

## Footnotes to the Above Table

- (1) All shares available for repurchase are pursuant to publicly announced share repurchase authorizations. On July 30, 2004, we announced that our Board of Directors had approved the repurchase of 375,000 shares of our common stock. The repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date. There are no plans or programs we have determined to terminate prior to expiration, or under which we do not intend to make further purchases.
- (2) The table above does not include shares that were used by option holders to satisfy the exercise price of the call options we issued to our employees and directors pursuant to our stock option plans. In May 2009, a total of 1,915 shares of our common stock, with a weighted average market price of \$13.05 per share, were used to satisfy an exercise of options.

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## Item 4 - Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The following proposals were considered and acted upon at our annual meeting of shareholders held on May 7, 2009:

## Proposal 1

A proposal to elect fifteen (15) nominees to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

| Nominee                | Voted<br>For | Withheld<br>Authority |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Jack D. Briggs         | 13,322,953   | 401,351               |
| R. Walton Brown        | 13,310,808   | 413,496               |
| David L. Burns         | 13,320,613   | 403,692               |
| John F. Burns          | 13,302,686   | 421,618               |
| Mary Clara Capel       | 13,304,473   | 419,831               |
| James C. Crawford, III | 13,250,140   | 474,164               |
| James G. Hudson, Jr.   | 13,343,781   | 380,523               |
| Jerry L. Ocheltree     | 13,287,589   | 436,715               |
| George R. Perkins, Jr. | 13,342,993   | 381,311               |
| Thomas F. Philips      | 13,250,336   | 473,968               |
| Frederick L. Taylor II | 13,333,268   | 391,036               |
| Virginia C. Thomasson  | 13,326,330   | 397,974               |
| Goldie H. Wallace      | 12,197,341   | 1,526,963             |
| Dennis A. Wicker       | 13,155,029   | 569,275               |
| John C. Willis         | 13,327,784   | 396,520               |

## Proposal 2

A proposal to ratify the appointment of Elliott Davis, PLLC as our independent auditors for 2009.

For 13,484,500                      Against 154,311                      Abstain 85,193

## Proposal 3

A proposal for resolution on executive compensation for 2009.

For 12,807,088                      Against 652,873                      Abstain 264,043

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Item 6 - Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this report or, as noted, are incorporated by reference. Management contracts, compensatory plans and arrangements are marked with an asterisk (\*).

- 3.a. Articles of Incorporation of the Company and amendments thereto were filed as Exhibits 3.a.i through 3.a.v to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002, and are incorporated herein by reference. Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation were filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 13, 2009, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.b Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company were filed as Exhibit 3.b to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.a Form of Common Stock Certificate was filed as Exhibit 4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.b Form of Certificate for Series A Preferred Stock was filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 13, 2009, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.c Warrant for Purchase of Shares of Common Stock was filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 13, 2009, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.a Purchase and Assumption Agreement among Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of Cooperative Bank, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and First Bank dated as of June 19, 2009 was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on June 24, 2009.
- 10.b Amendment to The First Bancorp Employees' Pension Plan dated June 30, 2009.
- 12 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Share Dividends.
- 31.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Copies of exhibits are available upon written request to: First Bancorp, Anna G. Hollers, Executive Vice President, P.O. Box 508, Troy, NC 27371

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCORP

August 10, 2009

BY:/s/ Jerry L. Ocheltree  
Jerry L. Ocheltree  
President, Chief Executive  
Officer  
(Principal Executive  
Officer),  
Treasurer and Director

August 10, 2009

BY:/s/ Anna G. Hollers  
Anna G. Hollers  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Operating Officer  
and Secretary

August 10, 2009

BY:/s/ Eric P. Credle  
Eric P. Credle  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial  
Officer

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