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**Form 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Abernethy, Robert C.</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. (PEBK)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		(Check all applicable)		
1176 Knolls Drive				03/14/2003				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			Chairman of the Board of Directors	
Newton, NC 28658								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2003		J (1)		17.3447	A	14.556	2,542.0542	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	03/14/2003		J (1)		5.9508	A	14.556	872.1150	D	Custodian of Stepson
Common Stock	No Change							68,137	D	
Common Stock	No Change							12,688	I	Daughter
Common Stock	No Change							12,688	I	Daughter
Common Stock	No Change							12,988	I	Son
Common Stock	No Change							500	D	Held in Street Name

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

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						

Explanation of Responses:

**(1) Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**/s/ Robert C. Abernethy**

**03/18/2003**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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