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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Scott Jonathan R Issuer Symbol FIRST INTERSTATE (Check all applicable) BANCSYSTEM INC [N/A] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) PO BOX 30918 12/19/2008 Bsns Developmt Manager (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BILLINGS, MT 59116-0191

(State)

(City)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
					(A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/22/2008		<u>J(1)</u>	300	D	\$0	218,937	I	By Self As Trustee
Common Stock	12/22/2008		J <u>(1)</u>	150	A	\$0	2,029	I	By Child
Common Stock	12/22/2008		J <u>(1)</u>	150	A	\$0	2,190	I	by child

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

	 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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. D S (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stoc Opti	\$ 79.75	12/19/2008		A	1,000	12/19/2008	12/19/2018	Common Stock	1,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Scott Jonathan R

PO BOX 30918 X Bsns Developmt Manager

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Signatures

/s/ Terrill R. Moore, Attorney-in-Fact for Reporting Person

Person 12/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Change in form of indirect beneficial ownership from indirect ownership by self as trustee to indirect ownership by child.
- (2) Vests over three years 25% on date of grant and 25% on each annual anniversay date.

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