

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freeman Thomas E (Last) (First) (Middle) 303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E. (Street) ATLANTA, GA 30308 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Corp. EVP & Efficiency Exec. |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/22/2018 | | 6. 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 |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 1/22/2018 | | M | | 81400 | A | \$64.58 | 229672.71 | D | |
| Common Stock | 1/22/2018 | | S | | 81400 | D | (1) | 148272.71 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 650.8124 | I (3) | 401(k) |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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 | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units (4) | (4) | | | | | | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 1589.1591 | | 1589.1591 | D | |
| Phantom Stock (2) | (2) | | | | | | | 2/9/2018 | 2/9/2018 | Common Stock | 3458 | | 3458 | D | |
| Phantom Stock (2) | (2) | | | | | | | 2/9/2019 | 2/9/2019 | Common Stock | 3459 | | 3459 | D | |
| Phantom Stock (2) | (2) | | | | | | | 2/9/2018 | 2/9/2018 | Common Stock | 22617 | | 22617 | D | |
| Phantom Stock (2) | (2) | | | | | | | 2/9/2019 | 2/9/2019 | Common Stock | 22618 | | 22618 | D | |
| Option (5) | \$64.58 | 1/22/2018 | | M | | 81400 | | 2/12/2011 | 2/12/2018 | Common Stock | 81400 | \$64.58 | 0 | D | |
| Phantom Stock | (6) | | | | | | | 2/14/2020 | 2/14/2020 | Common Stock | 5773.5778 | | 5773.5778 | D | |
| Phantom Stock (7) | (7) | | | | | | | 2/21/2017 | 2/21/2018 | Common Stock | 5602.132 | | 5602.132 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Sold at prices ranging from \$69.09 to \$69.49.
- (2) Represents time-vested restricted stock units granted on February 9, 2016 under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. the plan is exempt under Rule 16b-03. Units will be settled in shares. The award agreement contains tax withholding features which allow us to withhold units to satisfy withholding obligations.
- (3) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- (4) The phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s Deferred Compensation Plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan. Includes shares acquired upon dividend reinvestment.

- (6) Represents time-vested restricted stock unit award granted on February 14th, 2017 under the sunTrust Banks, Inc 2009 Stock Plan. The plan is exempt under Rule 16b-3. Award will vest on February 14, 2020 and will be settled in Share of Common Stock. The restricted unit award agreements contain tax withholding provisions which allow us to satisfy tax withholding obligations by netting shares.
- (7) Represents performance stock which was granted on February 21, 2014 and which vested on February 21, 2017. Award is settled in common stock. Because exceptional performance resulted in the award vesting at greater than 130% of target, the amount that vested in excess of 130% is subject to a one year deferral.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Freeman Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E. ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | | Corp. EVP & Efficiency Exec. | |

Signatures

Curt Phillips, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Freeman

1/23/2018

—Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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