

GARDING ED  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST INTERSTATE  
BANCSYSTEM INC [FIBK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 30918  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2011

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

BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					19,056	I	By 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2011		A	7,392 (1)	A \$ 0 8,642	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/18/2011		C	79,400	A \$ 0 88,042	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Options	\$ 14.2	02/17/2011		A	10,489	(2) 02/14/2021	Class A Common Stock
Class B Common Stock (3)	\$ 0	02/18/2011		C	79,400	03/05/2011(3) 12/31/2029(3)	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ TERRILL R. MOORE, Attorney in Fact for Reporting Person 02/18/2011

\_\_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).

- Shares issued for no consideration pursuant to the Registrant's 2006 Equity Compensation Plan. Includes 3,168 time-based shares that vest in three equal portions on the first, second and third annual anniversaries of February 14, 2011. Also includes 4,224 performance-based shares that vest on December 31, 2013 upon achievement of specified performance goals.
- (1) Stock options issued for no consideration pursuant to the Registrant's 2006 Equity Compensation Plan. Stock options vest in three equal portions on the first, second and third annual anniversaries of February 14, 2011.
  - (2) On March 5, 2010, the Company recapitalized its existing common stock. The recapitalization included, among other things, a redesignation of existing common stock as Class B common stock, a four-for-one split of Class B common stock, and the creation of a new class of common stock designated as Class A common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ stock market under the symbol

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"FIBK". The Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time into Class A Common stock on a share for share basis at the descretion of the holder. The conversion feature of the Class B common stock does not expire.

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