

McPhaill Kevin J
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McPhaill Kevin J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SIERRA BANCORP [BSRR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 86 N. MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/Chief Banking Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |

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 | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
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| | Derivative Security | | | | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|---|---|---|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | (A) | (D) | | | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Stock Option | \$ 19.19 | 11/20/2008 | ^ | A | 2,000 | ^ | 11/20/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/20/2018 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 28.14 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 08/17/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/17/2016 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 31.7 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 11/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/16/2016 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 26.58 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 11/15/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/15/2017 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McPhaill Kevin J 86 N. MAIN STREET PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 | ^ | ^ | ^ EVP/Chief Banking Officer | ^ |

Signatures

L. Diane Rotondo
Attorney-in-fact
02/17/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Represents date on which first installment of the reported option becomes exercisable. All options reported become cumulatively (1) exercisable in installments of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of grant and ending five years before the expiration of the option.

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