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FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES INC Form 4 August 08, 2008 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 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 SAUNDERS F R JR Issuer Symbol FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES (Check all applicable) INC [FSRL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O FIRST RELIANCE 08/06/2008 President & CEO BANK, 2170 WEST PALMETTO STREET (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 FLORENCE, SC 29501 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 08/06/2008 \$5 101,807 (1) Μ 200A D Stock Common 10.442 I By Spouse Stock Common By 850 I Stock Children

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4) S		8. P Der Sect (Ins
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	08/06/2008	М	200	08/16/2002	08/16/2009	Common Stock	200	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SAUNDERS F R JR C/O FIRST RELIANCE BANK 2170 WEST PALMETTO STREET FLORENCE, SC 29501	Х		President & CEO				
Signatures							

/s/ F. R. 08/08/2008 Saunders, Jr.

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Includes 4,727 shares of unvested restricted stock, and a total of 11,061 shares held in Mr. Saunders' 401(k) account, as of the December 31, 2007 statement.

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