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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freeman Thomas E | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Sheen an appheasie) | | |
| 303 PEACH | TREE STR | EET, N.E. | (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2018 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Corp. EVP & Efficiency Exec. | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | |
| ATLANTA, | GA 30308 | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative Sec | uritie | s Acquire | ed, Disposed of, o | r Beneficially | Owned |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | M | 3,225.423 | A | \$ 67.48 | 151,598.133 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | F | 1,430 | D | \$ 67.48 | 150,168.133 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | M | 3,618.495 | A | \$ 67.48 | 153,786.628 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | F | 1,014 | D | \$ 67.48 | 152,772.628 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | M | 23,667.774 | A | \$ 67.48 | 176,440.402 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | F | 9,908 | D | \$ 67.48 | 166,532.402 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 650.176 | I (2) | 401(k) |

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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) | actiorDerivative Securities Acquired | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo Num Share |
| Phantom Stock Units (3) | (3) | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | (3) | Common Stock | 1,58 |
| Phantom Stock (1) | (1) | 02/09/2018 | | M | | 3,325.423 | 02/09/2018 | 02/09/2018 | Common Stock | 3,3 |
| Phantom Stock (1) | (1) | 02/09/2018 | | M | | 3,618.495 | 02/09/2019 | 02/09/2019 | Common Stock | 3,6 |
| Phantom Stock (1) | (1) | 02/09/2018 | | M | | 23,667.774 | 02/09/2018 | 02/09/2018 | Common Stock | 23,6 |
| Phantom Stock (1) | (1) | | | | | | 02/09/2019 | 02/09/2019 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(4)</u> | | | | | | 02/14/2020 | 02/14/2020 | Common Stock | 5,77 |
| Phantom Stock (5) | <u>(5)</u> | | | | | | 02/21/2017 | 02/21/2018 | Common Stock | 5,6 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 9 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Freeman Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E. | | | Corp. EVP & Efficiency Exec. | | | | |

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ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

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

02/13/2018

**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).
- 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- Represents time-vested restricted stock uit award granted on February 14th, 2017 under the sunTrust Banks, Inc 2009 Stock Plan. The (4) 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.
- 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.

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