

FIRST BANCORP /NC/
Form 4
March 24, 2010

FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOLLERS ANNA G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2010

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EXECUTIVE VP/SECRETARY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.53	03/22/2010	A	7,774					12/31/2011 ⁽¹⁾	06/17/2018	Common Stock	7,774
Performance Units	⁽²⁾	03/22/2010	A	2,408					⁽²⁾	12/31/2011	Common Stock	2,408

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLLERS ANNA G			EXECUTIVE VP/SECRETARY	

Signatures

/s/ Timothy S. Maples,
Attorney-in-fact

03/24/2010

__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).

On June 18, 2008 the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 23,322 shares of common stock. The option vests in three equal installments based on First Bancorp's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending December 31, 2008,

(1) 2009, and 2010. The performance criteria for 2009 were met, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 7,774 shares. The option will not become exercisable unless the reporting person remains employed with First Bancorp and otherwise eligible to exercise options on December 31, 2011.

(2) Each performance unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of First Bancorp common stock. The performance rights vest if the recipient remains employed with the Company and otherwise eligible to receive the shares on December 31, 2011.

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