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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Yonkman Mark W
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

5570 DTC PARKWAY

(Street)

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 National Bank Holdings Corp [NBHC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 General Counsel and Secretary

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Date Expiration

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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|---|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 01/16/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 20 | D | Â |
|---|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|-------|---|---|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Yonkman Mark W 5570 DTC PARKWAY GREENWOOD VILLAGE,Â COÂ 80111 | Â | Â | Â General Counsel and Secretary | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Mark W.
Yonkman

09/19/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Granted under the 2009 National Bank Holdings Corporation Equity Incentive Plan. Subject to the issuer's common stock being listed on (1) a public exchange, the stock option award is time vested and is scheduled to vest in equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant, which grant occurred on January 16, 2012.

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