Neeley Patrick Form 4 January 22, 2018

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

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Neeley Patrick

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP., 501 MAIN STREET

(Street)

(State)

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

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

01/18/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Code V Amount (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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

EVP

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/18/2018		A	946	(2)	(2)	Common	946	
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	01/18/2018		A	1,892	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common	1,892	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Neeley Patrick						
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET			EVP			

Signatures

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

/s/ Patrick A. Neeley by Danielle
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01/22/2018

**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).
- (1) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- 312 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2019; 312 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2020 and 322 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2021. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.
- (3) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of (4) performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period ending December 31, 2020, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.

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