

Spring Maria F
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Spring Maria F</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>5570 DTC PARKWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/19/2012</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>National Bank Holdings Corp [NBHC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 29,717 ⁽¹⁾ | D | ^ |

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) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 10/20/2019 | Common Stock | 38,333 | \$ 20 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 10/11/2018 | Common Stock | 8,000 | \$ 20 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Spring Maria F 5570 DTC PARKWAY GREENWOOD VILLAGE,Â COÂ 80111 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Mark W. Yonkman, as attorney-in-fact 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).
- Total includes 12,083 shares of unvested restricted stock granted under the National Bank Holdings Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, 9,583 of which are scheduled to vest on October 20, 2012, 1,250 of which are scheduled to vest on October 11, 2013 and 1,250 of which are scheduled to vest on October 11, 2014.
- (1) Granted under the National Bank Holdings Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. Stock option award is time-vested with 1/2 having vested on October 20, 2011 and the remaining half vesting on October 20, 2012.
 - (2) Granted under the National Bank Holdings Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. Stock option award is time-vested with 1/2 vesting on October 11, 2013 and the remaining half vesting on October 11, 2014.
 - (3)

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