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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Freeman Thomas E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 303 PEACHTREE STREET
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/10/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 609.517 | I | 401(k) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2009 | | A | 37,600 A \$ 0 | 57,362 | I | Restricted Stock ⁽²⁾ |

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

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The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(4) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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