

Bates Carol Anne
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bates Carol Anne

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SIERRA BANCORP [BSRR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
30731 HIGHWAY 190
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2012

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

PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | J | 9,800 | D | \$ 9.75 | 645,440 | I | By Carol Bates as Trustee for Bates Family Revocable Trust |

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

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