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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BESSE DAWN A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CITIZENS & NORTHERN CORP [CZNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 726 FISCHLER STREET EXT	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2012	Director 10% Owner Softicer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Street) WELLSBORO, PA 16901	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 Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		
(Instr. 3) any (Month/) Common 01/04/2012	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price A(1) 853 A	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Common Stock	18.54	2,400 I By ESOP		

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.54	01/04/2012		A	5,120	07/04/2012	01/04/2022	Common Stock	5,120

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		

BESSE DAWN A Executive
726 FISCHLER STREET EXT Vice
WELLSBORO, PA 16901 President

Signatures

Teri L. Mitchell for Dawn A. Besse under Power of Attorney dated 07/23/09 01/04/2012

**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) Award of Restricted Stock

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