

CenterState Banks, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â TRANTER JOHN E		(Month/Day/Year)	CenterState Banks, Inc. [CSFL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
			(Check all applicable)	
42745 U.S. HIGHWAY 27			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Street)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
DAVENPORT,Â FLÂ 33837			Chief Banking Officer	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	24,687	D	Â
common stock	21,777	I	by his children

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
stock option	01/17/2014	03/21/2016	common stock	10,000	\$ 6.56	D	Â
stock option	01/17/2014	12/19/2016	common stock	10,000	\$ 7.56	D	Â
stock option	01/17/2014	06/19/2017	common stock	10,000	\$ 10	D	Â
stock option	01/17/2014	12/16/2018	common stock	40,000	\$ 10	D	Â
stock option	01/17/2014	12/20/2021	common stock	47,544	\$ 5.75	D	Â
Restricted Stock Grant	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/17/2019	common stock	28,000	\$ 10.08	D	Â
Restricted Stock Grant	Â <u>(2)</u>	01/01/2018	common stock	5,648	\$ 12.09	D	Â
Restricted Stock Grant	01/01/2017	01/01/2017	common stock	4,918	\$ 11.77	D	Â
Restricted Share Units	Â <u>(3)</u>	01/01/2019	common stock	1,371	\$ 14.23	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRANter JOHN E 42745 U.S. HIGHWAY 27 DAVENPORT, FL 33837	Â	Â	Â Chief Banking Officer	Â

Signatures

James J. Antal, CFO, pursuant to power of attorney 12/21/2015

__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).
- (1) Pursuant to the restricted stock agreement, common shares will vest and be issued at a rate of 7,000 common shares on each January 17, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- (2) Pursuant to the restricted stock agreement, common shares will vest and be issued at a rate of one third each January 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018
- (3) Time vested Restricted Share Units awarded on 9/17/15. The awards will vest at a rate of one third each January 1, 2017, 2018 and 2019. There is a 2 year holding period after each vest date. The units are exchangeable with the Company's common stock at a rate of 1 for 1

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after the vesting date and the two year holding period.

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