

SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP
Form 10-Q
August 15, 2005
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2005

Commission File Number 2-83157

SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-1423423
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P. O. Box 455, 1010 Northway, Darien, Georgia 31305

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(912) 437-4141

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of July 29, 2005, 3,304,149 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$1.25 per share, were outstanding.

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

	Page

Part I Financial Information	
Item 1. <u>Financial Statements:</u>	
<u>Consolidated Balance Sheets</u>	3
<u>Consolidated Statements of Income</u>	4
<u>Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity</u>	5
<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</u>	6
<u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	7
Item 2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	8
Item 3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk</u>	22
Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	22
Part II Other Information	
Item 1. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	23
Item 2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	23
Item 3. <u>Defaults upon Senior Securities</u>	23
Item 4. <u>Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders</u>	23
Item 5. <u>Other Information</u>	23
Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u>	23
<u>Signatures</u>	24

Table of Contents**Item I - Financial Statements****Southeastern Banking Corporation****Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	(Unaudited) June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 20,389,884	\$ 17,923,519
Federal funds sold	15,306,000	31,118,000
Cash and cash equivalents	35,695,884	49,041,519
Investment securities		
Held-to-maturity (market value of approximately \$38,410,000 and \$38,769,000 at June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004)	37,040,260	36,988,268
Available-for-sale, at market value	89,366,261	80,895,767
Total investment securities	126,406,521	117,884,035
Loans, gross	219,357,000	218,708,809
Unearned income	(194,838)	(204,306)
Allowance for loan losses	(4,210,556)	(4,134,048)
Loans, net	214,951,606	214,370,455
Premises and equipment, net	9,104,241	9,254,380
Intangible assets	593,811	622,918
Other assets	5,487,922	9,581,911
Total Assets	\$ 392,239,985	\$ 400,755,218
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 75,501,669	\$ 70,186,636
Interest-bearing deposits	257,701,367	269,123,254
Total deposits	333,203,036	339,309,890
U. S. Treasury demand note	787,109	1,431,211
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	5,000,000	5,000,000
Other liabilities	1,988,141	5,772,356
Total liabilities	340,978,286	351,513,457

Shareholders Equity		
Common stock (\$1.25 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 3,580,797 shares issued; 3,304,149 shares outstanding)	4,475,996	4,475,996
Additional paid-in-capital	1,391,723	1,391,723
Retained earnings	49,911,037	47,828,636
Treasury stock, at cost (276,648 shares)	(4,815,629)	(4,815,629)
Realized shareholders equity	50,963,127	48,880,726
Accumulated other comprehensive income - unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	298,572	361,035
Total shareholders equity	51,261,699	49,241,761
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$ 392,239,985	\$ 400,755,218

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Southeastern Banking Corporation****Consolidated Statements of Income****(Unaudited)**

<i>Period Ended June 30,</i>	<i>Quarter</i>		<i>Six Months</i>	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Interest income				
Loans, including fees	\$ 4,244,511	\$ 3,710,611	\$ 8,191,914	\$ 7,293,208
Federal funds sold	138,411	28,239	283,476	50,337
Investment securities				
Taxable	953,186	1,023,676	1,861,631	2,073,934
Tax-exempt	376,609	384,316	749,480	762,610
Other assets	15,181	9,182	26,194	18,291
Total interest income	5,727,898	5,156,024	11,112,695	10,198,380
Interest expense				
Deposits	962,078	780,717	1,864,828	1,583,785
Federal funds purchased				39
U. S. Treasury demand note	3,527	1,269	6,915	2,224
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	74,822	74,822	148,822	149,644
Total interest expense	1,040,427	856,808	2,020,565	1,735,692
Net interest income	4,687,471	4,299,216	9,092,130	8,462,688
Provision for loan losses	132,500	220,400	225,833	423,983
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	4,554,971	4,078,816	8,866,297	8,038,705
Noninterest income				
Service charges on deposit accounts	575,806	655,590	1,119,993	1,266,453
Investment securities losses, net		(3)		(3,309)
Other operating income	296,322	305,176	600,726	620,174
Total noninterest income	872,128	960,763	1,720,719	1,883,318
Noninterest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,953,822	1,762,947	3,864,173	3,461,304
Occupancy and equipment, net	642,855	622,692	1,285,256	1,219,894
Other operating expense	573,216	573,576	1,198,140	1,242,273
Total noninterest expense	3,169,893	2,959,215	6,347,569	5,923,471

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

Income before income tax expense	2,257,206	2,080,364	4,239,447	3,998,552
Income tax expense	694,645	631,223	1,297,967	1,209,930
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income	\$ 1,562,561	\$ 1,449,141	\$ 2,941,480	\$ 2,788,622
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.84
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding	3,304,149	3,310,891	3,304,149	3,311,715

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Southeastern Banking Corporation****Consolidated Statements of Shareholder's Equity****(Unaudited)**

	<i>Common Stock</i>	<i>Additional Paid-In Capital</i>	<i>Retained Earnings</i>	<i>Treasury Stock</i>	<i>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 4,475,996	\$ 1,391,723	\$ 45,330,975	\$ (4,600,167)	\$ 1,166,730	\$ 47,765,257
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			2,788,622			2,788,622
Other comprehensive income, net of tax effect of \$663,629:						
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities					(1,288,221)	(1,288,221)
Total comprehensive income						1,500,401
Cash dividends declared (\$0.25 per share)			(827,690)			(827,690)
Purchase of treasury stock				(90,142)		(90,142)
Balance, June 30, 2004	\$ 4,475,996	\$ 1,391,723	\$ 47,291,907	\$ (4,690,309)	\$ (121,491)	\$ 48,347,826
Balance, December 31, 2004	\$ 4,475,996	\$ 1,391,723	\$ 47,828,636	\$ (4,815,629)	\$ 361,035	\$ 49,241,761
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			2,941,480			2,941,480
Other comprehensive income, net of tax effect of \$32,178:						
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities					(62,463)	(62,463)
Total comprehensive income						2,879,017
Cash dividends declared (\$0.26 per share)			(859,079)			(859,079)
Balance, June 30, 2005	\$ 4,475,996	\$ 1,391,723	\$ 49,911,037	\$ (4,815,629)	\$ 298,572	\$ 51,261,699

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Southeastern Banking Corporation****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)**

<u>Six Months Ended June 30,</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 2,941,480	\$ 2,788,622
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	225,833	423,983
Depreciation	437,947	396,082
Amortization and accretion, net	197,411	392,392
Investment securities losses, net		3,309
Net gains on other real estate	(44,424)	(101,521)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(370,566)	90,026
Decrease in other liabilities	(166,981)	(320,903)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>3,220,700</u>	<u>3,671,990</u>
Investing activities		
Principal collections and maturities of investment securities:		
Held-to-maturity	742,000	1,550,500
Available-for-sale	38,188,161	24,098,174
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available-for-sale	4,373,125	2,657,209
Purchases of investment securities held-to-maturity	(856,602)	(1,826,441)
Purchases of investment securities available-for-sale	(48,830,169)	(31,764,004)
Net increase in loans	(853,267)	(5,886,107)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate	203,814	53,530
Capital expenditures, net	(287,808)	(301,694)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(7,320,746)</u>	<u>(11,418,833)</u>
Financing activities		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(6,106,854)	11,217,745
Net (decrease) increase in U. S. Treasury demand note	(644,102)	592,964
Purchase of treasury stock		(90,142)
Dividends paid	(2,494,633)	(2,534,093)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(9,245,589)</u>	<u>9,186,474</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(13,345,635)</u>	<u>1,439,631</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>49,041,519</u>	<u>26,405,941</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 35,695,884</u>	<u>\$ 27,845,572</u>

Supplemental disclosure**Cash paid during the period**

Interest	\$ 2,028,269	\$ 1,863,859
Income taxes	1,360,000	1,290,000

Noncash investing and financing activities

Broker receivable for security sales	\$ (4,373,125)	\$
Broker payable for security purchases	(1,981,680)	
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	265,424	336,041
Loans made in connection with sales of foreclosed real estate	204,517	267,134

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

Southeastern Banking Corporation

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

1. Accounting and Reporting Policy for Interim Periods

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Southeastern Banking Corporation (the Company) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information. These statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statement presentation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation have been made. These adjustments, consisting of normal, recurring accruals, include estimates for various fringe benefits and other transactions normally determined or settled at year-end. Operating results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of trends or results to be expected for the full year 2005. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. There have been no significant changes to the Company's Accounting Policies as disclosed in the 2004 Form 10-K.

Table of Contents

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

This Analysis should be read in conjunction with the 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the consolidated financial statements & related notes on pages 3 - 7 of this quarterly filing. The Company's accounting policies, which are described in detail in Form 10-K, are integral to understanding the results reported. The Company's accounting policies require management's judgment in valuing assets, liabilities, commitments, and contingencies. A variety of factors could affect the ultimate value that is obtained when earning income, recognizing an expense, recovering an asset, or relieving a liability. This Analysis contains forward-looking statements with respect to business and financial matters. Actual results may vary significantly from those contained in these forward-looking statements. See the section entitled Forward-Looking Statements within this Analysis.

Description of Business

Southeastern Banking Corporation (the Company), with assets exceeding \$392,239,000, is a financial services company with operations in southeast Georgia and northeast Florida. Southeastern Bank (SEB), the Company's principal subsidiary, offers a full line of commercial and retail services to meet the financial needs of its customer base through its sixteen branch locations and ATM network. Services offered include traditional deposit and credit services, long-term mortgage originations, and credit cards. SEB also offers 24-hour delivery channels, including internet and telephone banking, and through an affiliation with Raymond James Financial Services, provides insurance agent and investment brokerage services.

Financial Condition

Consolidated assets totaled \$392,239,985 at June 30, 2005, down \$8,515,233 or 2.12% from year-end 2004 but up \$7,506,280 or 1.95% from June 30, 2004. Asset growth year-to-date was concentrated in the securities portfolio. Specifically, investment securities grew \$8,522,486 and loans, \$581,151; federal funds sold declined 50.81% or \$15,812,000. Securities comprised approximately 36%, loans, 60%, and federal funds sold, 4%, of earning assets at June 30, 2005 versus 32%, 59%, and 9% at December 31, 2004. Overall, earning assets approximated 92% of total assets at June 30, 2005. During the year-earlier period, total assets grew \$10,365,971 or 2.77%. Growth in the loan and securities portfolios was the primary factor in the 2004 results. Refer to the Liquidity section of this Analysis for details on deposits and other funding sources.

Investment Securities

On a carrying value basis, investment securities grew \$8,522,486 or 7.23% since December 31, 2004. Purchases of securities during the six-month period, including short-term securities with original maturities of 90 days or less, approximated \$47,705,000, and redemptions, \$38,930,000. The effective repricing of redeemed securities impacts current and future earnings results; refer to the Interest Rate and Market Risk/Interest Rate Sensitivity and Operations sections of this Analysis for more details. In conjunction with asset/liability management, the Company continues to increase its proportionate holdings of mortgage-backed securities, corporates, and municipals when feasible to reduce its exposure to Agency securities with call features. At June 30, 2005, mortgage-backed securities, corporates, and municipals comprised 25%, 9%, and 29% of the portfolio. Overall, securities comprised 36% of earning assets at June 30, 2005, up 400 basis points from year-end 2004 levels. The portfolio yield approximated 4.80% in 2005 year-to-date.

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

Management believes the credit quality of the investment portfolio remains sound, with 61.78% of the carrying value of debt securities being backed by the U.S. Treasury or other U.S. Government-sponsored agencies at June 30, 2005. All of the Company's corporate bonds were rated A or higher by at least

Table of Contents

one nationally recognized rating agency at June 30, 2005. The weighted average life of the portfolio remained less than 4.0 years at June 30, 2005. The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities are delineated in the table below:

*Investment Securities by Category**June 30, 2005*

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<i>Amortized Cost</i>	<i>Unrealized Gains</i>	<i>Unrealized Losses</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>
Available-for-sale:				
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 47,040	\$ 57	\$ 178	\$ 46,919
Mortgage-backed securities	31,414	151	389	31,176
Corporates	10,460	813	2	11,271
	88,914	1,021	569	89,366
Held-to-maturity:				
States and political subdivisions	37,040	1,457	87	38,410
Total investment securities	\$ 125,954	\$ 2,478	\$ 656	\$ 127,776

As shown, the carrying value of the investment portfolio reflected \$1,822,363 in net unrealized gains at June 30, 2005; refer to the Capital Adequacy section of this Analysis for more details on investment securities and related fair value. The Company does not have a concentration in the obligations of any issuer other than the U.S. Government and its agencies.

Loans

Loans, net of unearned income, increased a modest \$657,659 since year-end 2004. The net loans to deposits ratio aggregated 65.77% at June 30, 2005 versus 64.40% at December 31, 2004, and 64.37% a year ago. Offsetting declines of \$4,946,365 within other sectors of the portfolio, the real estate construction portfolio grew \$5,594,556 or 9.91% during the first half of 2005. The majority of the growth within the construction portfolio was residential in nature and concentrated in the Company's coastal markets. Most of the loans in the real estate-construction portfolio are preparatory to customers' attainment of permanent financing or developer's sale and are, by nature, short-term and somewhat cyclical; swings in these account balances are normal and to be expected. Although the Company, like peer institutions of similar size, originates permanent mortgages for new construction, it traditionally does not hold or service long-term mortgage loans for its own portfolio. Rather, permanent mortgages are typically brokered through a mortgage underwriter or government agency. The Company receives mortgage origination fees for its participation in these origination transactions; refer to the disclosures provided under Results of Operations for more details. Overall, the commercial portfolio fell \$2,342,344 at June 30, 2005 compared to December 31, 2004. The decline in loans outstanding resulted primarily from pay-downs on large commercial loans in the normal course of business. Within the commercial portfolio, agricultural and governmental loans fell \$6,841,905 and \$173,673 during the six-month period; nonfarm real estate and other commercial/industrial loans grew \$615,746 and \$4,057,488. Balances in the consumer portfolio also declined \$2,323,918 or 13.27% at June 30, 2005 compared to year-end 2004; real estate mortgage loans fell \$280,104 or 0.49%. Reduced demand was the chief element in the 2005 results.

Despite economic uncertainties within the Company's markets, management is optimistic that loan volumes will trend higher in 2005 than 2004. Managerial strategies to increase loan production include continuing competitive pricing on loan products, development of additional loan relationships, and purchase of loan participations from correspondent banks, all without compromising portfolio quality. During the same period last year, net loans grew 2.71% or \$5,569,948. An \$8,713,055 or 19.91% increase in real estate construction loans was the chief factor in the

2004 results. Loans outstanding are presented by type in the table on the next page.

Table of Contents*Loans by Category*

<i>(In thousands)</i>	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004	June 30, 2004
Commercial, financial, and agricultural ¹	\$ 85,441	\$ 87,784	\$ 83,958
Real estate construction	62,065	56,471	52,484
Real estate residential mortgage ²	56,663	56,944	55,637
Consumer, including credit cards	15,188	17,510	19,402
Loans, gross	219,357	218,709	211,481
Unearned income	195	204	231
Loans, net	\$ 219,162	\$ 218,505	\$ 211,250

¹ Includes obligations of states and political subdivisions.

² Typically have final maturities of 15 years or less.

The Company had no concentration of loans to borrowers engaged in any single industry that exceeded 10% of total loans for any of the periods presented. Although the Company's loan portfolio is diversified, significant portions of its loans are collateralized by real estate. At June 30, 2005, real estate loans exceeded \$166,000,000, and commitments to extend credit on such loans approximated \$19,000,000. As required by policy, real estate loans are collateralized based on certain loan-to-appraised value ratios. A geographic concentration in loans arises given the Company's operations within a regional area of southeast Georgia and northeast Florida. On an aggregate basis, commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit approximated \$35,957,000 at June 30, 2005; because a substantial amount of these contracts expire without being drawn upon, total contractual amounts do not represent future credit exposure or liquidity requirements. The Company has not funded or incurred any losses on letters of credit in 2005 year-to-date.

Nonperforming Assets

Nonperforming assets consist of nonaccrual loans, restructured loans, and foreclosed real estate and other assets. Overall, nonperforming assets approximated \$1,370,000 at June 30, 2005, down \$135,000 or 8.97% from year-end 2004 and 13.78% from June 30, 2004. As a percent of total assets, nonperforming assets totaled 0.35% at June 30, 2005 versus 0.38% at year-end 2004 and 0.41% a year ago. No material credits have been transferred or removed from nonaccrual status during 2005 year-to-date. Industry or individual concentrations within nonaccrual balances at June 30, 2005 included:

- a) Industry concentrations: Approximately 30% or \$315,000 of nonaccrual balances at June 30, 2005 pertained to the shrimping industry; charge-offs on these particular loans approximated \$64,000 during 2005 year-to-date. Collateral held varies but includes real estate and commercial fishing vessels. Management considers the allowance sufficient to absorb any additional losses that may result from these loans.
- b) Individual concentrations: At June 30, 2005, nonaccrual balances also included loans to one other borrower totaling \$76,000. Due to the underlying collateral coverage, no significant losses, if any, are expected on this balance.

Refer to the subsection entitled Policy Note for criteria used by management in classifying loans as nonaccrual. The allowance for loan losses approximated 3.98X the nonperforming loans balance at June 30, 2005 versus 3.87X at year-end 2004 and 3.17X a year ago. Significant activity within foreclosed real estate balances included foreclosure of one borrower's residential real estate valued at \$94,000 and sale of an unrelated

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

\$150,000 parcel. Management is unaware of any other material developments in nonperforming assets at June 30, 2005 that should be presented or otherwise discussed.

Table of Contents

Loans past due 90 days or more approximated \$743,000, or less than 1% of net loans, at June 30, 2005. Management is unaware of any material concentrations within these past due balances. The table below provides further information about nonperforming assets and loans past due 90 plus days:

Nonperforming Assets

<i>(In thousands)</i>	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004	June 30, 2004
Nonaccrual loans:			
Commercial, financial, and agricultural	\$ 255	\$ 312	\$ 570
Real estate construction	29	33	53
Real estate mortgage	639	556	516
Consumer, including credit cards	135	168	127
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,266
Restructured loans ¹			
Total nonperforming loans	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,266
Foreclosed real estate ²	295	409	318
Other repossessed assets	17	27	5
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,505	\$ 1,589
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	\$ 743	\$ 876	\$ 822
Ratios:			
Nonperforming loans to net loans	0.48%	0.49%	0.60%
Nonperforming assets to net loans plus foreclosed/repossessed assets	0.62%	0.69%	0.75%

¹ Does not include restructured loans that yield a market rate.

² Includes only other real estate acquired through foreclosure or in settlement of debts previously contracted.

Policy Note. Loans classified as nonaccrual have been placed in nonperforming, or impaired, status because the borrower's ability to make future principal and/or interest payments has become uncertain. The Company considers a loan to be nonaccrual with the occurrence of any one of the following events: a) interest or principal has been in default 90 days or more, unless the loan is well-collateralized and in the process of collection; b) collection of recorded interest or principal is not anticipated; or c) income on the loan is recognized on a cash basis due to deterioration in the financial condition of the borrower. Smaller balance consumer loans are generally not subject to the above-referenced guidelines and are normally placed on nonaccrual status or else charged-off when payments have been in default 90 days or more. Nonaccrual loans are reduced to the lower of the principal balance of the loan or the market value of the underlying real estate or other collateral net of selling costs. Any impairment in the principal balance is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Accrued interest on any loan placed on nonaccrual status is reversed. Interest income on nonaccrual loans, if subsequently recognized, is recorded on a cash basis. No interest is subsequently recognized on nonaccrual (or former nonaccrual) loans until all principal has been collected. Loans are classified as restructured when either interest or principal has been reduced or deferred because of deterioration in the borrower's financial position. Foreclosed real estate represents real property acquired by foreclosure or directly by title or deed transfer in settlement of debt. Provisions for subsequent devaluations of foreclosed real estate are charged to operations, while costs associated with improving the properties are generally capitalized.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company continuously reviews its loan portfolio and maintains an allowance for loan losses available to absorb losses inherent in the portfolio. The six-month provision for loan losses at June 30, 2005 totaled \$225,833 which exceeded net charge-offs of \$149,325 by \$76,508. The comparable provision and charge-off amounts at June 30, 2004 were \$423,983 and \$247,252. Net charge-offs

Table of Contents

represented 0.14% of average loans at June 30, 2005 compared to 0.24% at June 30, 2004 and 0.43% in 2003. No single charge-off exceeded \$64,000 at June 30, 2005. The Company is committed to the early recognition of problem loans and to an appropriate and adequate level of allowance. The adequacy of the allowance is further discussed in the next subsection of this Analysis. Activity in the allowance is presented in the table below:

*Allowance for Loan Losses**Six Months Ended June 30,**(Dollars in thousands)*

	2005	2004	2003
Allowance for loan losses at beginning of year	\$ 4,134	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,601
Provision for loan losses	226	424	451
Charge-offs:			
Commercial, financial, and agricultural	107	126	181
Real estate construction		12	12
Real estate mortgage	15	62	84
Consumer, including credit cards	136	166	237
Total charge-offs	258	366	514
Recoveries:			
Commercial, financial, and agricultural	14	5	24
Real estate construction	4		
Real estate mortgage	3	27	12
Consumer, including credit cards	88	86	95
Total recoveries	109	118	131
Net charge-offs	149	248	383
Allowance for loan losses at end of period	\$ 4,211	\$ 4,009	\$ 3,669
Net loans outstanding ¹ at end of period	\$ 219,162	\$ 211,250	\$ 184,363
Average net loans outstanding ¹ at end of period	\$ 218,507	\$ 205,781	\$ 178,362
Ratios:			
Allowance to net loans	1.92%	1.90%	1.99%
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.14%	0.24%	0.43%
Provision to average loans	0.21%	0.41%	0.51%
Recoveries to total charge-offs	42.25%	32.24%	25.49%

¹ Net of unearned income

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

The Company prepares a comprehensive analysis of the allowance for loan losses at least quarterly. SEB's Board of Directors is responsible for affirming the allowance methodology and assessing the general and specific allowance factors in relation to estimated and actual net charge-off trends. The allowance for loan losses consists of three elements: a) specific allowances for individual loans; b) general allowances for loan pools based on historical loan loss experience and current trends; and c) allowances based on economic conditions and other risk factors in the Company's markets. The specific allowance is based on a regular analysis of classified loans where the internal risk ratings are below a predetermined classification. The specific allowance established for these classified loans is based on a careful analysis of probable and potential sources of repayment, including cash flow, collateral value, and guarantor capacity. The general allowance is determined by the mix of loan products within the portfolio, an internal loan grading process, and associated allowance factors. These general allowance factors are updated at least annually and are based on a statistical loss analysis and current loan charge-off trends. The loss analysis examines loss experience for loan portfolio segments in relation to internal loan grades. Charge-off trends are analyzed for homogeneous loan categories (e.g., residential real estate, consumer loans, etc.). While formal loss and charge-off trend analyses are conducted annually,

Table of Contents

the Company continually monitors credit quality in all portfolio segments and revises the general allowance factors whenever necessary in order to address improving or deteriorating credit quality trends or specific risks associated with a given loan category. The third element, comprised of economic conditions, concentrations, and other risk factors, is based on marketplace conditions and/or events that may affect loan repayment in the near-term. This element requires a high degree of managerial judgment to anticipate the impact that economic trends, legislative or governmental actions, or other unique market and/or portfolio issues will have on credit losses. Consideration of other risk factors typically includes such issues as recent loss experience in specific portfolio segments, trends in loan quality, changes in market focus, and concentrations of credit. These factors are based on the influence of current external variables on portfolio risk, so there will typically be some movement between this element and the specific allowance component during various stages of the economic cycle. Because of their subjective nature, these risk factors are carefully reviewed by management and revised as conditions indicate. Based on its analyses, management believes the allowance was adequate at June 30, 2005.

Other Commitments

Other than construction of a permanent branch building to replace the temporary facility in Brunswick, Georgia, renovation of other SEB offices, and the purchase of new core banking software, the Company had no material plans or commitments for capital expenditures as of June 30, 2005. Planning for the permanent branch building and the software purchase have not been finalized, and potential capital expenditures cannot yet be estimated.

Liquidity

Liquidity is managed to ensure sufficient cash flow to satisfy demands for credit, deposit withdrawals, and other corporate needs. The Company's sources of funds include a large, stable deposit base and secured advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank. Additional liquidity is provided by payments and maturities, including both principal and interest, of the loan and investment securities portfolios. At June 30, 2005, loans¹ and investment securities with carrying values exceeding \$98,582,000 and \$7,651,000 were scheduled to mature in one year or less. The investment portfolio has also been structured to meet liquidity needs prior to asset maturity when necessary. The Company's liquidity position is further strengthened by its access, on both a short- and long-term basis, to other local and regional funding sources.

Funding sources primarily comprise customer-based core deposits but also include borrowed funds and cash flows from operations. Customer-based core deposits, the Company's largest and most cost-effective source of funding, comprised 90% of the funding base at June 30, 2005, virtually unchanged from 2004 levels. Borrowed funds, which variously encompass U.S. Treasury demand notes, federal funds purchased, and FHLB advances, totaled \$5,787,109 at June 30, 2005 versus \$6,431,211 at year-end 2004. More specifically, the maximum amount of U.S. Treasury demand notes available to the Company at June 30, 2005 totaled \$3,000,000, of which \$787,109 was outstanding. Unused borrowings under unsecured federal funds lines of credit from other banks, each with varying terms and expiration dates, totaled \$23,000,000. Additionally, under a credit facility with the FHLB, the Company can borrow up to 16% of SEB's total assets; at June 30, 2005, unused borrowings approximated \$57,712,000. Refer to the subsection entitled FHLB Advances for details on the Company's outstanding balance with the FHLB. Cash flows from operations also constitute a significant source of liquidity. Net cash from operations derives primarily from net income adjusted for noncash items such as depreciation and amortization, accretion, and the provision for loan losses.

Management believes the Company has the funding capacity, from operating activities or otherwise, to meet its financial commitments in 2005. Refer to the Capital Adequacy section of this Analysis for details on treasury stock purchases and intercompany dividend policy and the Financial Condition section for details on unfunded loan commitments.

¹ No cash flow assumptions other than final contractual maturities have been made for installment loans. Nonaccrual loans are excluded.

Table of Contents

Deposits

Deposits declined \$6,106,854 or 1.80% since year-end 2004. Interest-bearing deposits fell \$11,421,887 or 4.24%, while noninterest-bearing deposits grew \$5,315,033 or 7.57%. The deposits decline was concentrated in NOW/money market accounts and savings. Notably, customers have moved funds from savings during the current rising rate environment; savings balances have declined from 36.90% of interest-bearing balances to 35.19% in the last year. Overall, interest-bearing deposits comprised 77.34%, and noninterest-bearing deposits, 22.66%, of total deposits at June 30, 2005. The distribution of interest-bearing balances at June 30, 2005 and certain comparable quarter-end dates is shown in the table below:

<i>Deposits</i>	<u>June 30, 2005</u>		<u>December 31, 2004</u>		<u>June 30, 2004</u>	
	<i>Balances</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Balances</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Balances</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Interest-bearing demand deposits ¹	\$ 90,541	35.13%	\$ 98,352	36.55%	\$ 84,270	32.41%
Savings	90,680	35.19%	95,414	35.45%	95,955	36.90%
Time certificates < \$100,000	44,632	17.32%	45,256	16.82%	47,665	18.33%
Time certificates >= \$100,000	31,848	12.36%	30,101	11.18%	32,125	12.36%
Total interest-bearing deposits	\$ 257,701	100.00%	\$ 269,123	100.00%	\$ 260,015	100.00%

¹ NOW and money market accounts.

Deposits of one local governmental body comprised approximately \$33,424,000 and \$36,468,000 of the overall deposit base at June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004. Brokered deposits totaled \$594,000 at both June 30, 2005 and year-end 2004.

Approximately 82% of time certificates at June 30, 2005 were scheduled to mature within the next twelve months. The composition of average deposits and the fluctuations therein at June 30 for the last two years is shown in the Average Balances table included in the Operations section of this Analysis.

FHLB Advances

Advances outstanding with the FHLB totaled \$5,000,000 at June 30, 2005, unchanged from year-end 2004. The outstanding advance, which matures March 17, 2010, accrues interest at an effective rate of 6.00%, payable quarterly. The advance is convertible into a three-month Libor-based floating rate anytime at the option of the FHLB. Year-to-date, interest expense on the advance approximated \$149,000. Mortgage-backed securities were pledged to collateralize advances under this line of credit.

Interest Rate and Market Risk/Interest Rate Sensitivity

The normal course of business activity exposes the Company to interest rate risk. Fluctuations in interest rates may result in changes in the fair market value of the Company's financial instruments, cash flows, and net interest income. The asset/liability committee regularly reviews the Company's exposure to interest rate risk and formulates strategy based on acceptable levels of interest rate risk. The overall objective of this process is to optimize the Company's financial position, liquidity, and net interest income, while limiting volatility to net interest income from changes in interest rates. The Company uses gap analysis and simulation modeling to measure and manage interest rate sensitivity.

Table of Contents

An indicator of interest rate sensitivity is the difference between interest rate sensitive assets and interest rate sensitive liabilities; this difference is known as the interest rate sensitivity gap. In an asset sensitive, or positive, gap position, the amount of interest-earning assets maturing or repricing within a given period exceeds the amount of interest-bearing liabilities maturing or repricing within that same period. Conversely, in a liability sensitive, or negative, gap position, the amount of interest-bearing liabilities maturing or repricing within a given period exceeds the amount of interest-earning assets maturing or repricing within that time period. During a period of rising rates, a negative gap would tend to affect net interest income adversely, while a positive gap would theoretically result in increased net interest income. In a falling rate environment, a negative gap would tend to result in increased net interest income, while a positive gap would affect net interest income adversely. The gap analysis below provides a snapshot of the Company's interest rate sensitivity position at June 30, 2005:

<i>Interest Rate Sensitivity</i>	<i>Repricing Within</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>0 - 3 Months</i>	<i>4 - 12 Months</i>	<i>One - Five Years</i>	<i>More Than Five Years</i>	
<i>June 30, 2005</i>					
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Interest Rate Sensitive Assets					
Federal funds sold	\$ 15,306				\$ 15,306
Securities ¹	2,347	\$ 6,127	\$ 87,664	\$ 29,816	125,954
Loans, gross ²	123,219	17,500	73,323	4,257	218,299
Other assets	1,190				1,190
Total interest rate sensitive assets	142,062	23,627	160,987	34,073	360,749
Interest Rate Sensitive Liabilities					
Deposits ³	\$ 207,754	36,457	13,430	60	257,701
U.S. Treasury demand note	787				787
Federal Home Loan Bank advances			5,000		5,000
Total interest rate sensitive liabilities	208,541	36,457	18,430	60	263,488
Interest rate sensitivity gap	\$ (66,479)	\$ (12,830)	\$ 142,557	\$ 34,013	\$ 97,261
Cumulative gap	\$ (66,479)	\$ (79,309)	\$ 63,248	\$ 97,261	
Ratio of cumulative gap to total rate sensitive assets	(18.43)%	(21.98)%	17.53%	26.96%	
Ratio of cumulative rate sensitive assets to rate sensitive liabilities	68.12%	67.63%	124.01%	136.91%	
Cumulative gap at December 31, 2004	\$ (59,503)	\$ (71,138)	\$ 54,244	\$ 91,758	
Cumulative gap at June 30, 2004	\$ (108,852)	\$ (105,326)	\$ 37,806	\$ 90,304	

¹ Distribution of maturities for available-for sale-securities is based on amortized cost. Additionally, distribution of maturities for mortgage-backed securities is based on expected average lives which may be different from the contractual terms. Equity securities, if any, are excluded.

²

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

No cash flow assumptions other than final contractual maturities have been made for installment loans with fixed rates. Nonaccrual loans are excluded.

³ NOW, money market, and savings account balances are included in the 0-3 months repricing category.

As shown in the table above, the Company's gap position remained negative through the short-term repricing intervals at June 30, 2005, totaling \$(66,479) at three months and \$(79,309) through one-year. Excluding traditionally nonvolatile NOW and premium savings balances from the gap calculation, the cumulative gap at June 30, 2005 totaled \$86,061 at three months and \$73,231 at twelve months. The widening of the short-term gap position at June 30, 2005 versus year-end 2004 was largely attributable to

Table of Contents

a \$15,812,000 or 50.81% reduction in federal funds sold. The gap position is expected to widen moderately during the third and fourth quarters as federal funds sold continue to be reallocated to other earning assets. Shortcomings are inherent in any gap analysis since certain assets and liabilities may not move proportionally as rates change. For example, the gap analysis presumes that all loans² and securities¹ will perform according to their contractual maturities when, in many cases, actual loan terms are much shorter than the original terms and securities are subject to early redemption.

In addition to gap analysis, the Company uses simulation modeling to test the interest rate sensitivity of net interest income and the balance sheet. Contractual maturity and repricing characteristics of loans are incorporated into the model, as are prepayment assumptions, maturity data, and call options within the investment portfolio. Non-maturity deposit accounts are modeled based on past experience. Simulation results quantify interest rate risks under various interest rate scenarios. In estimating the impact of these rate movements on the Company's net interest income, the following general assumptions were made: a) Spreads on all loans, investment securities, and deposit products remain constant; b) Interest rate movements occur gradually over an extended period versus rapidly; and c) Loans and deposits are projected to grow at constant speeds. Limitations inherent with these assumptions include: a) Certain deposit accounts, in particular, interest-bearing demand deposits, infrequently reprice and historically, have had limited impact on net interest income from a rate perspective; b) In a down rate environment, competitive and other factors constrain timing of rate cuts on other deposit products whereas loans tied to prime and other variable indexes reprice instantaneously and, as amply demonstrated the last few years, securities with call or other prepayment features are likely to be redeemed prior to stated maturity and replaced at lower rates (lag effect); c) Changes in balance sheet mix, for example, unscheduled pay-offs of large commercial loans, are oftentimes difficult to forecast; and d) Rapid and aggressive rate movements by the Federal Reserve can materially impact estimated results. Management is optimistic that initiatives taken to increase loan production and diversify the securities portfolio have reduced the interest rate sensitivity of net interest income and the balance sheet, and such actions will continue.

The Company has not in the past, but may in the future, utilize interest rate swaps, financial options, financial futures contracts, or other rate protection instruments to reduce interest rate and market risks.

Impact of Inflation

The effects of inflation on the local economy and the Company's operating results have been relatively modest the last several years. Because substantially all the Company's assets and liabilities, including cash, securities, loans, and deposits, are monetary in nature, their values are less sensitive to the effects of inflation than to changing interest rates. As discussed in the preceding section, the Company attempts to control the impact of interest rate fluctuations by managing the relationship between its interest sensitive assets and liabilities.

Capital Adequacy

Federal banking regulators have established certain capital adequacy standards required to be maintained by banks and bank holding companies. These regulations define capital as either Tier 1 (primarily shareholders' equity) or Tier 2 (certain debt instruments and a portion of the allowance for loan losses). The Company and SEB are subject to a minimum Tier 1 capital ratio (Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets) of 4%, total capital ratio (Tier 1 plus Tier 2 to risk-weighted assets) of 8%, and Tier 1 leverage ratio (Tier 1 to average quarterly assets) of 4%. To be considered a well-capitalized institution, the Tier 1 capital, total capital, and Tier 1 leverage ratios must equal or exceed 6%, 10%, and 5%, respectively. Banks and bank holding companies are prohibited from including unrealized gains and losses on debt securities in the calculation of risk-based capital but are permitted to include up to 45

Table of Contents

percent of net unrealized pre-tax holding gains on equity securities in Tier 2 capital. The Company did not have any unrealized gains on equity securities includible in the risk-based capital calculations for any of the periods presented. The Company is committed to maintaining its well-capitalized status.

The Company's capital ratios for the most recent periods are presented in the table below:

Capital Ratios

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004	June 30, 2004
Tier 1 capital:			
Realized shareholders' equity	\$ 50,963	\$ 48,881	\$ 48,469
Intangible assets and other adjustments	(594)	(623)	(652)
Total Tier 1 capital	50,369	48,258	47,817
Tier 2 capital:			
Portion of allowance for loan losses	3,134	3,201	3,048
Allowable long-term debt			
Total Tier 2 capital	3,134	3,201	3,048
Total risk-based capital	\$ 53,503	\$ 51,459	\$ 50,865
Risk-weighted assets	\$ 249,889	\$ 255,110	\$ 242,917
Risk-based ratios:			
Tier 1 capital	20.16%	18.92%	19.68%
Total risk-based capital	21.41%	20.17%	20.94%
Tier 1 leverage ratio	12.73%	12.34%	12.50%
Realized shareholders' equity to assets	13.00%	12.21%	12.59%

Book value per share grew \$0.63 or 4.26% during the first six months of 2005 to \$15.42. Dividends declared totaled \$0.26, up 4.00% or \$0.01 from 2004. For more specifics on the Company's dividend policy, refer to the subsection immediately following. Accumulated other comprehensive income, which measures net fluctuations in the fair values of investment securities, declined \$62,463 at June 30, 2005 compared to year-end 2004. Movement in interest rates remained a dominant factor in the fair value results. Further details on investment securities and associated fair values are contained in the Financial Condition section of this Analysis.

Under existing authorization, the Company can purchase up to \$10,000,000 in treasury stock. From 2000 - 2004, the Company repurchased 276,648 shares on the open market and through private transactions at an average price of \$17.41 per share. No treasury stock purchases have

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

been made in 2005 year-to-date. The maximum consideration available for additional purchases, at prices to be determined in the future, is \$5,184,371. Any acquisition of additional shares will be dictated by market conditions. There is no expiration date for the treasury authorization.

Refer to the Financial Condition and Liquidity sections of this Analysis for details on planned capital expenditures.

Dividend Policy

The Parent Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from its subsidiaries, and its revenues and liquidity position depend primarily on the payment of dividends from its subsidiaries. State banking regulations limit the amount of dividends SEB may pay without prior approval of the regulatory agencies. Year-to-date, SEB has paid 50% or \$1,456,320 of the \$2,912,000 in cash dividends available to the

Table of Contents

Company in 2005 without such prior approval. The Company uses regular dividends paid by SEB in order to pay quarterly dividends to its own shareholders. Management anticipates that the Company will continue to pay cash dividends on a recurring basis.

Results of Operations

Net income for the 2005 second quarter totaled \$1,562,561, up \$113,420 or 7.83% from June 30, 2004 and up 13.32% from March 31, 2005. On a per share basis, quarterly earnings totaled \$0.47 at June 30, 2005 versus \$0.44 at June 30, 2004 and \$0.42 at March 31, 2005. Year-to-date, net income grew \$152,858 or 5.48% to \$2,941,480 at June 30, 2005 from \$2,788,622 in 2004. Similarly, per share income for the six-month period improved \$0.05 to \$0.89 at June 30, 2005 from \$0.84 in 2004. The return on beginning equity for the six-month period totaled 12.04% at June 30, 2005 versus 11.97% in 2004. A 7.44% improvement in net interest income was the predominant factor in the six-month results. Variations in operating results are further discussed within the next two subsections of this Analysis.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income increased \$388,255 or 9.03% during the second quarter of 2005 compared to 2004. For the year-to-date period, net interest income grew \$629,442 or 7.44% from 2004. The net interest margin approximated 5.19% at June 30, 2005 versus 5.06% a year ago; the interest rate spread, 4.78% versus 4.73%. Interest earnings on loans, federal funds sold, and other earning assets improved \$898,706, \$233,139, and \$7,903 from same period results in 2004 while earnings on investment securities fell 7.95% or \$225,433. Overall improvements in asset yields and, to a lesser extent, shifts in earning assets, precipitated the 2005 results. On average, asset yields totaled 6.29% at June 30, 2005, up 24 basis points from 2004; see the interest differential table on page 20 for more details on changes in interest income attributable to volume and rates at June 30, 2005 versus 2004. Interest expense on deposits and other borrowed funds increased \$183,619 or 21.43% during the 2005 second quarter versus 2004 and \$284,873 year-to-date. Cost of funds increased 19 basis points from 2004 levels, totaling 1.51% at June 30, 2005 versus 1.32% at June 30, 2004. The jump in cost of funds resulted primarily from higher deposit rates, particularly on NOW and money market accounts, at June 30, 2005 compared to 2004. Given the rising rate environment currently propelled by the Federal Reserve, management expects costs of funds and corresponding interest expense to increase throughout 2005 as deposits and other funds reprice at higher levels. Continued reallocation of federal funds sold balances to other earning assets and anticipated loan growth in Brunswick and other markets are expected to alleviate declines in margins and spreads. Additionally, because most of the loans in the variable portfolio are tied to prime and similar indexes, the portfolio is positioned to take advantage of rate hikes promulgated by the Federal Reserve in 2005; variable loans comprised approximately 51% of total loans at June 30, 2005.

The intense competition for loans and deposits continues in 2005 and shows no sign of abating. The high number of new and existing financial institutions in the Company's market areas essentially guarantees downward pressure on net interest spreads and margins as all participants struggle to amass and grow market share. Volume of assets and deposits will become even more important as margins decline. Strategies implemented by management to increase average loans outstanding emphasize competitive pricing on loan products and development of additional loan relationships, all without compromising portfolio quality. Management's strategy for deposits is to closely manage anticipated market increases and maintain a competitive position with respect to pricing and products. Comparative details about average balances, income/expense, and average yields earned and rates paid on interest-earning assets and liabilities for the last two years are provided in the table on the next page.

Table of Contents**Selected Average Balances, Income/Expense, and Average Yields Earned and Rates Paid**

<i>Average Balances⁶</i>	2005			2004		
	<i>Average Balances</i>	<i>Income/Expense</i>	<i>Yields/Rates</i>	<i>Average Balances</i>	<i>Income/Expense</i>	<i>Yields/Rates</i>
<i>Six Months Ended June 30,</i>						
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Assets						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans, net ^{1,2,4}	\$ 218,507	\$ 8,211	7.52%	\$ 205,781	\$ 7,303	7.10%
Federal funds sold	21,822	283	2.59%	10,996	50	0.91%
Taxable investment securities ³	90,777	1,862	4.10%	98,394	2,074	4.22%
Tax-exempt investment securities ^{3,4}	33,940	1,134	6.68%	34,413	1,154	6.71%
Other assets	1,141	26	4.56%	998	18	3.61%
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 366,187	\$ 11,516	6.29%	\$ 350,582	\$ 10,599	6.05%
Liabilities						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing demand deposits ⁵	\$ 90,765	\$ 612	1.35%	\$ 83,966	\$ 380	0.91%
Savings	95,033	417	0.88%	95,497	422	0.88%
Time deposits	76,196	836	2.19%	77,639	782	2.01%
Federal funds purchased				11	1	1.10%
U. S. Treasury demand note	562	7	2.49%	588	2	0.76%
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	5,000	149	6.00%	5,000	150	6.00%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 267,556	\$ 2,021	1.51%	\$ 262,701	\$ 1,737	1.32%
Excess of interest-earning assets over interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 98,631			\$ 87,881		
Interest rate spread			4.78%			4.73%
Net interest income		\$ 9,495			\$ 8,862	
Net interest margin			5.19%			5.06%

¹ Average loans are shown net of unearned income. Nonperforming loans are included.

² Includes loan fees.

³ Securities are presented on an amortized cost basis. Investment securities with original maturities of three months or less are included, as applicable.

⁴ Interest income on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a taxable-equivalent basis, using a federal income tax rate of 34%. No adjustment has been made for any state tax benefits.

⁵ NOW and money market accounts.

⁶ Averages presented generally represent average daily balances.

Analysis of Changes in Net Interest Income

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

The average balance table above provides detailed information about average balances, income/expense, and average yields earned and rates paid on interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004. The table on the next page summarizes the changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to volume and rates during this period.

Table of Contents

Interest Differential ¹	2005 Compared to 2004		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to		
	Volume	Rate	Net
<i>Six Months Ended June 30,</i>			
<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Interest income			
Loans ^{2,3}	\$ 465	\$ 443	\$ 908
Federal funds sold	81	152	233
Taxable investment securities	(157)	(55)	(212)
Tax-exempt investment securities ³	(16)	(4)	(20)
Other interest-earning assets	3	5	8
Total interest income	376	541	917
Interest expense			
Interest-bearing demand deposits ⁴	33	199	232
Savings	(2)	(3)	(5)
Time deposits	(15)	69	54
Federal funds purchased	(1)		(1)
U.S. Treasury demand note		5	5
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		(1)	(1)
Total interest expense	15	269	284
Net change in net interest income	\$ 361	\$ 272	\$ 633

¹ Changes in net interest income are attributed to either changes in average balances (volume change) or changes in average rates (rate change) for earning assets and sources of funds on which interest is received or paid. Volume change is calculated as change in volume times the previous rate while rate change is change in rate times the previous volume. The rate/volume change, change in rate times change in volume, is allocated between volume change and rate change at the ratio each component bears to the absolute value of their total.

² Includes loan fees. See the average balances table on the previous page for more details.

³ Interest income on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a taxable-equivalent basis, using a federal income tax rate of 34%. No adjustments have been made for any state tax benefits or the nondeductible portion of interest expense.

⁴ Now and money market accounts.

Noninterest Income and Expense

Noninterest income declined \$88,635 or 9.23% during the second quarter of 2005 compared to 2004 and \$162,599 year-to-date. A decline in service charges on deposit accounts was the main factor in both the quarterly and year-to-date results. Specifically, services charges on deposit accounts declined \$79,784 on a quarterly basis and \$146,460 year-to-date; the majority, or 67%, of the year-to-date decline was attributable to reduced volume of NSF fees. The other operating portion of noninterest income fell \$19,448 or 3.14% year-to-date. By type and amount, the chief components of other operating income at June 30, 2005 were mortgage origination fees, \$256,327; surcharge fees - ATM, \$79,817; commissions on the sale of credit life insurance, \$43,031; income on sale of check products, \$59,593; and safe deposit box rentals, \$33,964. Together, these five income items comprised 78.69% of other operating income at June 30, 2005. In 2004, these same five income components comprised 75.48% of other operating income. Overall, noninterest expense increased \$424,098 or 7.16% in 2005 year-to-date. Personnel costs accounted for virtually the entire increase. The 2005 increase ensued largely from additional staff in various administrative and other managerial positions. The vast majority, or 84%, of employee expenses remained concentrated in salaries and other direct compensation, including related payroll taxes, at June 30, 2005. Profit-sharing accruals and other fringe benefits constituted the remaining 6% and 10% of employee expenses. The division of employee expenses between compensation, profit-sharing, and other fringe benefits remained consistent with historical norms in

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

2004. When compared to the prior year, net occupancy and equipment expense increased 5.36% or \$65,362 during the first half of 2005 compared to 2004. Costs associated with the Company's new branch facility in Brunswick, Georgia, operational since November 2004, accounted for the bulk of the 2005 - 2004 fluctuation. Other

Table of Contents

operating expenses fell \$44,133 or 3.55% at June 30, 2005 compared to 2004; reductions in various legal and accounting expenses was the primary variable. Besides advertising expense, which approximated \$124,000 in both 2005 and 2004, no individual component of other operating expenses aggregated or exceeded 10% of the total in 2005 or 2004. Costs associated with the Company's Brunswick facility and additional staff, as discussed above, are expected to increase noninterest expense approximately \$550,000 in 2005 compared to 2004.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recent accounting pronouncements affecting the Company are discussed in the 2004 Form 10-K previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Various other accounting proposals affecting the banking industry are pending with the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Given the inherent uncertainty of the proposal process, the Company cannot assess the impact of any such proposals on its financial condition or results of operations.

Forward-Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Act) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. The Company and its representatives have made, and may continue to make, various written or oral forward-looking statements with respect to business and financial matters, including statements contained in this report, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and press releases. Generally, the words believe, expect, intend, estimate, anticipate, project, will, should, and similar identify forward-looking statements. All statements which address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including statements related to loan growth, deposit growth, per share growth, and statements expressing general sentiment about future operating results and non-historical information, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act. The forward-looking statements are and will be based on management's then current views and assumptions regarding future events and operating performance. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Certain factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates contained in or underlying forward-looking statements include:

Competitive pressures between depository and other financial institutions may increase significantly.

Changes in the interest rate environment may reduce margins and impact funding sources.

General economic or business conditions in the geographic regions and industry in which the Company operates may lead to a deterioration in credit quality or a reduced demand for credit.

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

Legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in accounting standards, monetary policies, and taxation requirements, may adversely affect the Company's business.

Other factors include:

Changes in consumer spending and saving habits as well as real estate markets.

Table of Contents

Management of costs associated with expansion of existing and development of new distribution channels, and ability to realize increased revenues from these distribution channels.

The outcome of litigation which depends on judicial interpretations of law and findings of juries.

The effect of mergers, acquisitions, and/or dispositions and their integration into the Company.

Other risks and uncertainties as detailed from time to time in Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Many of the factors that will determine actual financial performance and values are beyond the Company's ability to predict or control. This Analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The discussion on market risk is included in the Interest Rate and Market Risk/Interest Rate Sensitivity section of Part I, Item 2.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (the CFO or Treasurer), has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15(d)-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and Treasurer have concluded that the Company's current disclosure controls and procedures, as designed and implemented, were effective.

Table of Contents

Part II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

None

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None

Item 5. Other Information.

None

Item 6. Exhibits.

(a) Index to Exhibits:

Exhibit 31.1. CEO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 31.2. Treasurer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Edgar Filing: SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORP - Form 10-Q

Exhibit 32. CEO/Treasurer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

The Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K on July 27, 2005, announcing its earnings for the second quarter of 2005.

Table of Contents

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHEASTERN BANKING CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: */s/* ALYSON G. BEASLEY

Alyson G. Beasley, Vice President & Treasurer

Date: August 15, 2005