CHENEY ANDREW B

Form 4

November 25, 2009

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CHENEY ANDREW B Issuer Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify P.O. BOX 3668 11/25/2009 below) EVP/FL & Coast GA President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 5,500 Common 11/25/2009 A 15,576 D (1) 6.43

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHENEY ANDREW B P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776

EVP/FL & Coast GA President

Signatures

Andrew B. Cheney, by Cara P. Dean, Attorney-In-Fact

11/25/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).

Restricted stock grant pursuant to the Ameris Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan, vesting on November (1) 25, 2012; provided, however, that vesting shall be limited by any restrictions applicable to participants in the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

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