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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|---------|----------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Abernethy, Robert C. | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. (PEBK) | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 03/14/2003 | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 1176 Knolls Drive | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board of Directors | | |
| (Street) | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| Newton, NC 28658 | | | | | | | | |
| (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 Transactions (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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2003 | | J (1) | | 17.3447 | A | 14.556 | 2,542.0542 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2003 | | J (1) | | 5.9508 | A | 14.556 | 872.1150 | D | Custodian of Stepson |
| Common Stock | No Change | | | | | | | 68,137 | D | |
| Common Stock | No Change | | | | | | | 12,688 | I | Daughter |
| Common Stock | No Change | | | | | | | 12,688 | I | Daughter |
| Common Stock | No Change | | | | | | | 12,988 | I | Son |
| Common Stock | No Change | | | | | | | 500 | D | Held in Street Name |

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 5. Number of 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) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Dividend Reinvestment Plan

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Robert C. Abernethy

03/18/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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