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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI] Burlew Dawn H (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 220 LIBERTY STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person WARSAW, NYÂ 14569 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | rm of (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | |

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Burlew Dawn H

220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NYÂ 14569 Â Â

Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney

11/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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