

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BENTZ FRANK L III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/22/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President-Bnk

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V Amount		
Common stock	07/22/2005		M	1,500	A \$ 16.42	1,500	D
Common stock	07/22/2005		S	1,500	D \$ 33.89	0	D
Common stock						2,699	I In 401(k)
Common stock						114	I In Employee stock plan

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options(Right to buy)	\$ 16.42	07/22/2005		D	1,500	12/17/1997 12/17/2007	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 17.21					12/15/1999 12/15/2009	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 12/13/2010	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 12/21/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 12/11/2012	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 12/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 20.33					12/16/1998 12/16/2008	Common Stock	1,125

Buy)

Stock

Option \$ 38
(Right to Buy)

12/15/2004 12/15/2014 Common Stock 6,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTZ FRANK L III			Executive Vice President-Bnk	

Signatures

Frank L Bentz
III 07/25/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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