

Burke Joseph J
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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 *
 Burke Joseph J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/18/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2009 | | A | 355 | A \$ 0 | 1,175 | D <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,598 | D <u>(4)</u> |

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 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.28 | 02/18/2009 | | A | 2,363 | 02/18/2010 02/18/2019 | Common Stock | 2,363 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | 02/15/2007 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.17 | | | | | 02/21/2008 02/21/2017 | Common Stock | 2,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 02/20/2009 02/20/2018 | Common Stock | 2,363 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burke Joseph J 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney
02/19/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2010.
- (2) Restricted shares awarded on February 18, 2009 under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2010.
- (3) Shares acquired by award. Description of Ownership changed from Indirect to Direct to reflect recipient's ability to vote all shares at the time of award.
- (4) Since the reporting person's last report 225 award shares have vested.
- (5) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2009.

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