

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 MCLAUGHLIN DONALD E

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)

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

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

975 HOOPER AVENUE

01/22/2007

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2007 | | M | 20,656 A \$ 9.607 | 61,090 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 345 | I | By Award |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,811 | I | By Spouse |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.607 | 01/22/2007 | | M | 20,656 | 02/04/1998 | 02/04/2007 | Common Stock | 20,656 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.88 | | | | | 02/20/2003 | 02/20/2012 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | 02/15/2007 | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.44 | | | | | 05/30/2004 | 05/30/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.525 | | | | | 05/28/2005 | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCLAUGHLIN DONALD E 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Darren M. Cooper,
Power-of-Attorney

01/22/2007

__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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