

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 PARDES ROBERT M

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)
 02/21/2007

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

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

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,417 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2007 | | A | 1,303 A \$ 0 | 1,303 | I | By Award <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,765 | I | By Serp |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,759 | I | By 401(k) <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,411 | I | By Esop <u>(4)</u> |

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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.17 | 02/21/2007 | | A | 20,250 | 02/21/2008 | 02/21/2017 | Common Stock | 20,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.873 | | | | | 08/18/2001 | 08/18/2010 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | 02/15/2007 | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.525 | | | | | 05/28/2005 | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.795 | | | | | 04/20/2006 | 04/20/2015 | Common Stock | 1,098 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.44 | | | | | 05/30/2004 | 05/30/2013 | Common Stock | 33,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.88 | | | | | 02/20/2003 | 02/20/2012 | Common Stock | 33,000 |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.07 | 01/19/2006 | 01/19/2015 | Common Stock | 990 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PARDES ROBERT M 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

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| /s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney | 02/23/2007 |
| <u> </u> **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 21, 2008.
- (2) Restricted shares awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2008.
- (3) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
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