

KUYKENDALL RONALD E
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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 *
 KUYKENDALL RONALD E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/25/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, General Counsel & Sec

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(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
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OLNEY, MD 20832

(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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/25/2009		A	A	\$ 0	4,684	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						200	D
Common Stock						2,191	I ESPP
Common Stock						300	D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						850	D ⁽³⁾

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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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/21/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/11/2012	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/15/2014	Common Stock	6,050
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/14/2012	Common Stock	6,395
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 12/13/2013	Common Stock	3,000

Stock					
Options	\$ 27.96		03/26/2009 ⁽⁵⁾	03/26/2015	Common
(Right to					Stock
Buy)					4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KUYKENDALL RONALD E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			EVP, General Counsel & Sec	

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Kuykendall	03/27/2009
__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) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 25, 2010.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on March 26, 2009.
- (4) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (5) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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