

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

July 19, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THEOLOGIDES STERGIOS

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL
CORP [NEW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE
1000**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/18/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP - Corporate Affairs

(Street)
IRVINE,, CA 92612

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/18/2005		M		2,250	A	\$ 26.97
							23,376
							D

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)**

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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. 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)	\$ 26.97	07/18/2005		M	2,250	<u>(1)</u>	05/21/2013	Common Stock	2,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
THEOLOGIDES STERGIOS 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612	EVP - Corporate Affairs

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett
(Attorney-in-fact) 07/19/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This stock option grant vested 20% on May 21, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on July 18, 2005 vested as follows: 1,500 shares on May 21, 2004, 375 shares on September 30, 2004 and 375 shares on December 31, 2004.

(2) This column is not applicable.

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