

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 *
 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)

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 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

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

/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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