

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Lebel Joseph III
(Last) (First) (Middle)

975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

TOMS RIVER,Â NJÂ 08754

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
1st SVP, Chief Lending Officer

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

34

I

By 401(k)

Common Stock

748

I

By Esop

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2017	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 20.25	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/28/2007 ⁽²⁾	04/28/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 22.74	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lebel Joseph III 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754	Â	Â	Â 1st SVP, Chief Lending Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney 02/14/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing March 2, 2008.
- (2) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing April 28, 2007.

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