

AVERITT RICHARD G
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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 *
 AVERITT RICHARD G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC [RJF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 880 CARILLON PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CEO - RJFS

ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/07/2007		A	6,382 A \$ 0	204,717 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					40,076 ⁽²⁾	I	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 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.0222					12/10/2005 02/10/2008	Common Stock	42,597
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.0222					12/10/2005 02/10/2008	Common Stock	13,653
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.8					12/04/2006 02/04/2009	Common Stock	7,200
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.8					01/04/2008 02/04/2009	Common Stock	10,800 ⁽³⁾
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9733					12/01/2008 02/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000 ⁽⁴⁾
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.44					11/27/2010 01/27/2013	Common Stock	15,000 ⁽⁵⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AVERITT RICHARD G 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716			CEO - RJFS	

Signatures

Richard G.
Averitt

12/10/2007

__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) Award of stock as portion of annual bonus
- (2) Includes number of shares acquired under ESOP through 12/10/2007
- (3) Options Becoming exercisable - 5,400 on 1/04/2008, and 5,400 on 1/04/2009
- (4) Options Becoming exercisable - 3,750 on 12/01/2008, 3,750 on 12/01/2009, 3,750 on 12/01/2010 and 3,750 on 2/01/2011
- (5) Options Becoming exercisable - 9,000 on 11/27/2010, 3,000 on 11/27/2011 and 3,000 on 11/27/2012

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