CATANIA ANGELO Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

Stock

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CATANIA ANGELO			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 975 HOOPE	(First) (NER AVENUE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2008					_X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
(Street) TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753			4. 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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)		ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/03/2008			P	75	A	\$ 15.98	3,589	D (1) (2)		
Common Stock	03/03/2008			P	300	A	\$ 16	3,889	D (1) (2)		
Common	03/03/2008			P	125	A	\$ 16.01	4,014	D (1) (2)		

16.01

1,045

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

By Award

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Deninumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,363	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17					02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	2,250	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CATANIA ANGELO 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	X						
Signatures							
/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney	03/03/2008						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

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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 form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquistions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) 500 shares have vested and are now held directly.
- (3) Restricted shares awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest at a rate of 20% per year beginning March 1, 2009.
- Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2009.

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