CATANIA ANGELO

Form 4

February 26, 2010

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Common

Stock

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(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) (M	Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D) 02/26/20	•	ransaction			X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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)	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17					02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,363
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.28					02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	2,363
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10					02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	3,310

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CATANIA ANGELO 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	X						
Signatures							
/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney		02/26/201	0				

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Includes 605 restricted shares awarded on February 17, 2010 under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan that vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2011.

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