SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC

Form 4

March 30, 2017

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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

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

may continue. *See* Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McDowell Ronda M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2017					Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Credit Officer			
OLNEY M	(Street)		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			
OLNEY, M	D 20832							Person		
(City)	(State)	Zip)	Table	e I - Non-E	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		d of (D)	5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s)				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/28/2017			F	49	D	\$ 40.26	88	D (1)	
Common Stock								3,274	D	
Common Stock								220	D (2)	
Common Stock								1,139	D (3)	
Common Stock								2,511	D (4)	

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Common Stock	2,333	D (5)
Common Stock	1,857	D (6)

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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. onNumber 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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.69					03/30/2012(7)	03/30/2018	Common Stock	1,872
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.02					03/28/2013(7)	03/28/2019	Common Stock	744
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.26					04/01/2014(7)	03/27/2020	Common Stock	597

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	nships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
McDowell Ronda M SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.			EVP, Chief Credit Officer			

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17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Ms. McDowell

03/30/2017

**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) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 28, 2013.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2015.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2016.
- (5) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2017.
- (6) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2018.
- (7) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.

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