

FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND 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 \*  
 FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
 [INDB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 288 UNION STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

ROCKLAND, MA 02370  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	7,575	D	

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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.895	12/15/2005		A	7,500	12/15/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/14/2012	Common Stock	7
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.375					<sup>(2)</sup>	12/24/2006	Common Stock	5
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.9063					<sup>(3)</sup>	12/20/2010	Common Stock	7
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.4063					<sup>(4)</sup>	12/22/2009	Common Stock	7
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25					<sup>(5)</sup>	12/22/2008	Common Stock	5
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7188					<sup>(6)</sup>	12/17/2007	Common Stock	5
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.125					<sup>(7)</sup>	12/19/2011	Common Stock	7
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47					<sup>(8)</sup>	12/19/2012	Common Stock	5
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.14					<sup>(9)</sup>	12/11/2013	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.125					<sup>(7)</sup>	12/19/2011	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47					<sup>(8)</sup>	12/19/2012	Common Stock	2

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.14	(9)	12/11/2013	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (10)	\$ 34.18	12/15/2005	12/09/2014	Common Stock	7

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Jennifer M. Kingston, Power of Attorney For: Raymond G. Fuerschbach 12/19/2005

\_\_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) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Plan (2005 Plan). The Options granted on 12/15/05 vest immediately and will expire on December 14, 2012, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Stock Option Agreement.
- (2) Granted under the 1987 Plan, 1,809 shares shall first become exercisable on 6/27/97, 1,808 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/98, and the remaining 1,808 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/99. The Option will expire on 12/24/06, subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.
- (3) Granted under the 1997 Plan. 2,375 shares shall first become exercisable on 6/22/01, 2,375 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/02, and the remaining 2,375 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/03. The Option will expire on 12/20/10, subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.
- (4) Granted under the 1997 Plan. 2,484 shares shall first become exercisable on 6/24/00, 2,484 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/01, and the remaining 2,482 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/02. The Option will expire on 12/22/09 subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.
- (5) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). 1,967 shares pursuant to the Option shall first become exercisable on 6/24/99, 1,967 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/00, and the remaining 1,966 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/01. The Option will expire on 12/22/08 subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.
- (6) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). 1,875 shares pursuant to the Option shall first become exercisable on 6/19/98, 1,875 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/99, and the remaining 1,875 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/00. The Option will expire on 12/17/07 subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- (7) Granted under the Plan. 2,600 shares shall first become exercisable on 6/21/02, 2,600 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/03 and the remaining 2,600 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/04. The Option will expire on 12/19/11, subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.

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- (8) Granted under the 1997 Plan. 2,534 shares shall first become exercisable on 06/20/03, 2,533 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/04, and the remaining 2,533 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/05 subject to the earlier termination provisions noted above.
- (9) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). 2,025 shares shall first become exercisable on 06/11/04, 2,025 shares shall first become exercisable on 01/02/05, and the remaining 2,025 shall first become exercisable on 01/02/06. The Option will expire on 12/11/13 subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- (10) 3,640 Options formerly reported as ISO's under the 12/9/04 grant have converted to NQO's due to an acceleration of vesting for all options granted that date. All options granted on 12/9/04 have now immediately fully vested a/o 12/15/05.

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