

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/29/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 E.V.P., OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/29/2009 | | P | 1,000 A \$ 9 | 17,514 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,099 | I | By 401(k) ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,934 | I | By ESOP ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 930 | I | By Matching ESOP ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ |

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. Price or Value 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) | \$ 22.38 | | | | | 05/28/2005 | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.07 | | | | | 01/19/2006 | 01/19/2015 | Common Stock | 780 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.795 | | | | | 04/20/2006 | 04/20/2015 | Common Stock | 866 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | 02/15/2007 | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.17 | | | | | 02/21/2008 | 02/21/2017 | Common Stock | 20,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2018 | Common Stock | 21,263 |

