

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 FITZPATRICK MICHAEL J

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)
 12/22/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President & CFO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2016 | | M | 20,250 A \$ 22.17 | 130,355 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2016 | | F | 16,912 D \$ 30.07 | 113,443 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,563 | I | By 401(k) ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 78,793 | I | By Esop ⁽²⁾ |

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) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.17 | 12/22/2016 | | M | | 20,250 | | 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 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10 | | | | | | | 02/17/2011 | 02/17/2020 | Common Stock | 29,770 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.87 | | | | | | | 02/18/2012 | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.83 | | | | | | | 02/15/2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.62 | | | | | | | 02/15/2014 | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.75 | | | | | | | 03/01/2015 | 03/19/2024 | Common Stock | 22,500 |

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| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.37 | 03/01/2016 | 03/18/2025 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.28 | 03/01/2017 | 03/16/2026 | Common Stock | 22,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FITZPATRICK MICHAEL J 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | | | Executive Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney

12/23/2016

__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) Total includes shares of restricted Common Stock that have not yet vested.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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