

SMITH ROBERT M JR
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**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 *
SMITH ROBERT M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP
INC/DE [DFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

C/O DELPHI CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT, INC., 590
MADISON AVE., 30TH FL
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022
(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2006		M		4,209 A \$ 32.3593	6,198	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2006		S		4,209 D \$ 53.25	1,989	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2006		M		22,950 A \$ 20.8333	24,939	D

Class A
Common Stock 05/09/2006 S 22,950 D \$ 53.27 1,989 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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.3593	05/09/2006		M	4,209	01/21/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 01/21/2009	Class A Common Stock	4,209
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.8333	05/09/2006		M	22,950	09/20/2000 ⁽³⁾ 09/20/2009	Class A Common Stock	22,950

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH ROBERT M JR C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 590 MADISON AVE., 30TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert M. Smith, Jr. 05/10/2006

__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) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2000.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on September 20, 2000.

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