

INDEPENDENT BANK 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 *
FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK
CORP, 288 UNION STREET

(Street)

ROCKLAND, MA 02370

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President/Dir.HR

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/21/2005 | | M | V A | Amount \$ 5,300 7.3125 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.3125 | 03/21/2005 | | M | 5,300 | 06/29/1996 ⁽¹⁾ 12/27/2005 | Common Stock 5,300 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370 | | | Senior Vice President/Dir.HR | |

Signatures

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney for Raymond G. Fuerschbach

03/22/2005

__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) Granted under the Amended and Restated Independent Bank Corp. 1987 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the 1987 Plan). 1,767 shares with respect to this Option shall first become exercisable on 6/29/96, 1,767 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/97, and the remaining 1,766 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/98. The Option will expire on 12/27/05, subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.

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