SMITH ROBERT M JR
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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			
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 Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
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	4,20
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	22,9

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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