

Burke Joseph J
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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 *
 Burke Joseph 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)
 01/24/2018

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | | A | 1,095 A \$ 0 | 21,303 | D (1) | |

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) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 02/20/2009 02/20/2018 | Common Stock 2,363 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.28 | | | | | 02/18/2010 02/18/2019 | Common Stock 2,363 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10 | | | | | 02/17/2011 02/17/2020 | Common Stock 3,310 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.87 | | | | | 02/18/2012 02/18/2021 | Common Stock 3,500 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.83 | | | | | 02/15/2013 02/15/2022 | Common Stock 3,500 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.62 | | | | | 02/15/2014 02/15/2023 | Common Stock 3,500 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burke Joseph J 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of
Attorney

01/25/2018

__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) Restricted shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2019. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.
- (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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