

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
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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 *
 O'Brien Joseph J Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2016

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

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (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

OLNEY, MD 20832

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	03/16/2016		A		3,769	A	\$ 0	3,769	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock								4,541.7598	I	401(k)
Common Stock								19,994	D	
Common Stock								1,276	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock								2,134	D ⁽³⁾	

Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2017.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 30, 2012.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 28, 2013.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (5) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2015.
- (6) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2016.

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