

O'Brien Joseph J Jr
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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)
 03/17/2010

____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2010 | | A | 2,000 A \$ 13.5 | 2,620 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,592.36 | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 249 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 800 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,121 | D ⁽³⁾ | |

No Securities
Beneficially
Owned

0 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.44 | | | | | 12/19/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/19/2014 | Common Stock | 1,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.59 | | | | | 07/23/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ 07/23/2014 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.96 | | | | | 03/26/2009 ⁽⁶⁾ 03/26/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| O'Brien Joseph J Jr SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE | | | Executive Vice President | |

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Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr.
O'Brien

03/19/2010

__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 Stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plans vests ratably on the anniversary of the grant date over three years.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on December 19, 2008.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on July 23, 2008.
- (6) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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