

Friis Mark E
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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 *
 Friis Mark E

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)
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2017

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

OLNEY, MD 20832

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2017 | | G | V | 1,026 | D | \$ 0 9,385 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 24,808 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,000 | I | Cust for son |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,143.781 | I | Wife Cust for Daughter |
| | | | | | | | 318 | D <u>(1)</u> | |

Common
Stock

Common Stock 607 D (2)

Common Stock 589 D (3)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Friis Mark E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Friis

12/14/2017

__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 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2016.

(2) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2017.

(3) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2018.

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