

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BECHET PAUL R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 160 WASHINGTON STREET
 (Street)

BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BROOKLINE BANCORP INC [brkl]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/23/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock	10/23/2007		M	50,000 A \$ 4.944	361,787	D	
Common stock	10/23/2007		F	23,861 D \$ 10.59	337,926	D	
Common stock					21,869	I	Spouse

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock option	\$ 4.944	10/23/2007		M		50,000	04/19/2001 04/19/2009	Common stock	50,
Stock option	\$ 10.59	10/23/2007		A		23,861	10/23/2007 04/19/2009	Common stock	23,
Stock option	\$ 15.02						01/02/2005 12/19/2013	Common stock	115

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECHET PAUL R 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Paul R. Bechet 10/24/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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