#### INDEPENDENT BANK CORP

Form 4 July 31, 2015

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP [INDB]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2015

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

Senior Vice President

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP., 288 UNION STREET

(Street)

(State)

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

ROCKLAND, MA 02370

(City)

		1 401	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficiency Owned						
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired ction(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/29/2015		M(1)	4,250	A (1)	\$ 28.27	26,429	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2015		F	529	D	\$ 48.02	22,179 (2)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ative Expiration Date es (Month/Day/Year) d		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.27	07/29/2015		M <u>(1)</u>	4,250	02/14/2009(3)	02/14/2018	Common Stock	4,250

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370			Senior Vice President				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Sarah E.Hutchings, Power of Attorney for Raymond G. Fuerschbach

07/31/2015

\*\*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) The exercise of this stock option was at the direction of the reporting person's former spouse pursuant to a divorce settlement decree and therefore did not result in an acquisition of beneficial ownership by the reporting person.
- (2) Amount reflects the transfer to the reporting officer's former spouse of the 4,250 shares (less shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations) underlying the stock option exercised on 7/29/15 as referenced in footnote (1).
- (3) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan 1700 shares became exercisable on 2/14/09 and 1700 shares became exercisable annually from 2/14/10 to 2/14/13.

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