

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
KISSEL FRANK A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 178
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/29/2006

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

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)	Price
Common Stock	03/29/2006		P		100	A	\$ 24.6
Common Stock					3,348	I	Spouse

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
Employee stock option	\$ 11.85					<u>(3)</u> 08/14/2007	Common stock	18,491
Employee stock option	\$ 18.28					<u>(1)</u> 02/19/2009	Common stock	29,347
Employee stock options	\$ 16.86					<u>(2)</u> 01/11/2011	Common stock	5,324
Employee stock options	\$ 28.89					01/09/2004 01/09/2014	Common stock	27,499

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KISSEL FRANK A PO BOX 178 GLADSTONE, NJ 07934	X		CEO	

Signatures

Frank A. Kissel 03/31/2006

**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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(1) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on February 19, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of

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the remaining options.

The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 11, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. On December 11, 2003, (2) the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.

(3) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on August 14, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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