

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O INDEPENDENT BANK  
 CORP, 288 UNION STREET**

(Street)

**ROCKLAND, MA 02370**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
 [INDB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/21/2005**

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)  
**Senior Vice President/Dir.HR**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		M	V A	Amount \$ 5,300 7.3125	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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.3125	03/21/2005		M	5,300	06/29/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/27/2005	Common Stock	5,300

**Reporting Owners**

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

**Signatures**

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney for Raymond G. Fuerschbach  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 03/22/2005  
 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) Granted under the Amended and Restated Independent Bank Corp. 1987 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the 1987 Plan). 1,767 shares with respect to this Option shall first become exercisable on 6/29/96, 1,767 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/97, and the remaining 1,766 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/98. The Option will expire on 12/27/05, subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
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