

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
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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 *
BECHET PAUL R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/28/2008

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

BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469
 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common stock	05/28/2008		M	20,000 A \$ 4.944	359,451 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common stock					21,869	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock option	\$ 4.944	05/28/2008		M	20,000	04/19/2001	04/19/2009	Common stock	20,000
Stock option	\$ 10.59					10/23/2007	04/19/2009	Common stock	23,861
Stock option	\$ 15.02					01/02/2005	12/19/2013	Common stock	115,000

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 05/29/2008

**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) Includes 1,525 shares awarded as of December 31, 2007 through the ESOP not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

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