

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
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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 *
 O'Brien Joseph J Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

OLNEY, MD 20832

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2007		A	250 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 750		I	By Stock Award

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)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.44	12/19/2007		A	1,250	12/19/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 12/19/2014	Common Stock 1,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.59					07/23/2008 ⁽²⁾ 07/23/2014	Common Stock 2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Brien Joseph J Jr C/O SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. O'Brien 01/04/2008

**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) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on December 19, 2008.
- (2) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on July 23, 2008.

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