NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

DODGE PATTI M

Symbol NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL

CORP [NEW]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2006

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP and CFO

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

1000

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

IRVINE,, CA 92612

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned (Instr. 4) Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D)

Common 03/01/2006 Stock

Price 7,251 A <u>(2)</u> (1)

(A)

40,585

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. Transactic 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 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.1	03/01/2006		A	9,668	(3)	03/01/2016	Common Stock	9,668	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DODGE PATTI M 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612

EVP and CFO

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett

(Attorney-in-fact) 03/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents a grant of shares of restricted stock. The shares of restricted stock vest on March 1, 2013, the seventh anniversary of the grant date, subject to acceleration upon the achievement of certain performance measures.
- (2) This column is not applicable.
- (3) The options vest on March 1, 2011, the fifth anniversary of the grant date, subject to acceleration upon the achievement of certain performance measures.

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