Filiberto Ruth Form 4 February 03, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue.

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Filiberto Ruth

E140

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

[FFIC]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

> (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2009

1979 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

Senior Vice President

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

(State)

(eng)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	juired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	1 1	ispose	d of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)	, ,	5 \	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following Reported	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			~		or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
_			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,		
Common	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	A	2,800	Α	<u>(1)</u>	6,300	D	
Stock	01/20/2009	01,00,200,		_,000		_	0,000	_	
Common						\$			
Stock	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	P	1,000	A	\$ 7.81	1,000	I	Spouse
Stock						7.01			
Common							47 (2)	I	401(k)
Stock							+/ <u>∵</u>	1	401(K)
Stock							·	•	101(11)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration E (Month/Day.	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.44	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	A	4,400	(3)	01/29/2019	Common Stock	4,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Filiberto Ruth 1979 MARCUS AVENUE SUITE E140 LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Signed by Russell A. Fleishman under Power of Attorney by Ruth E. Filiberto

02/03/2009

**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) Grant of restricted stock units payable in common stock upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Shares held in FSB 401(k) Savings Plan a/o 1/16/09.
- (3) Grant of stock options which become exercisable upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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