STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OATES JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

522 LAKESHORE DRIVE

(Street)

ELKINS, NH 03233

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/12/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr

	Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						07/01/2003	07/01/2013	Common Stock	168
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						08/01/2003	08/01/2013	Common Stock	171
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						08/06/2003	08/06/2013	Common Stock	425
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						09/01/2003	09/01/2013	Common Stock	161
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						10/01/2003	10/01/2013	Common Stock	863
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						01/01/2004	01/01/2014	Common Stock	618
Phantom Stock Units	$ 0						(1)	(2)	Common Stock	7,487
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	$ 38.25						(3)	01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OATES JAMES M 522 LAKESHORE DRIVE ELKINS, NH 03233	X			

Signatures

By: Forrest M. Smith For: James M. Oates	04/12/2006
**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) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.

(2) No expiration date for these Units.

(3) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.

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