

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC

Form 4

May 29, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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
____X____ 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)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common stock	05/28/2008		M	20,000	A \$ 4.944	359,451 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common stock					21,869	I	Spouse

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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 of 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 Date
 Reporting Person

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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