

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 *
WATKINS SARA E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/26/2008

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP of Bank

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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OLNEY, MD 20832

(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)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/26/2008		A	850	A	\$ 0	850	I	Restricted Stock Award ⁽³⁾
Common Stock							7,836.248	D	
Common Stock							3,137.217	I	401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Common							1,122.443	I	By

Stock						Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Common Stock			400	I		By Stock Award ⁽³⁾

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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2008		A	4,000	03/26/2009 ⁽²⁾ 03/26/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 12/15/2014	Common Stock	6,050
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 12/21/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 12/11/2012	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 ⁽²⁾ 12/13/2013	Common Stock	3,000

Buy)						
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.54	12/13/2000 ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2010	Common Stock	3,750	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13	12/14/2005 ⁽¹⁾	12/14/2012	Common Stock	6,395	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.21	12/15/1999 ⁽¹⁾	12/15/2009	Common Stock	2,400	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91	12/17/2003 ⁽¹⁾	12/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATKINS SARA E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			EVP of Bank	

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Watkins

03/28/2008

__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 options fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments on the anniversary dates of the award.

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