

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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
 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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common stock | 05/28/2008 | | M | 20,000 A \$ 4.944 | 359,451 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common stock | | | | | 21,869 | I | Spouse |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount 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 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) 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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