

BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/
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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 *
EBERLE ROBERT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES, 325 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Street)

PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/ [EPAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & COO

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)			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)
Common Stock	12/16/2004		G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0	8,466	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2004		M		10,000	A	\$ 3.16	18,466	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2004		S		10,000	D	\$ 13.27	8,466	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.16	12/16/2004		M	10,000	05/09/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 05/09/2011	Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EBERLE ROBERT A C/O BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES 325 CORPORATE DRIVE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801	X		President & COO	

Signatures

Robert A. Eberle 12/16/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This grant is exercisable in installments over a three year period commencing one year after the date of grant, with 50% becoming vested (1) one year after the date of grant and an additional 6.25% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive three-month period following the first anniversary of the grant date until the third anniversary of the grant date.

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