OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4 March 16, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CATANIA ANGELO			Symbol OCEAN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP [OCFC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 975 HOOPER AVENUE			(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2017				6 Owner er (specify		
(Street) TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753				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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Derivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securit TransactionAcquired Code Disposed (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4) Code V Amount	(A) or 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)		
	Common Stock	03/15/2017		A 1,335	A \$0	22,649	D (1) (2)			

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.81					02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,363	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.28					02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	2,363	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10					02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	3,310	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.87					02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	3,500	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.83					02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	3,500	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.62					02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	3,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
CATANIA ANGELO							
975 HOOPER AVENUE	X						
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753							

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Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney 03/16/2017

**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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Restricted shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2018. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.
- (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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