INDEPENDENT BANK CORP

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP [INDB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Senior Vice President/Dir.HR

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK

CORP, 288 UNION STREET

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

03/21/2005

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

ROCKLAND, MA 02370

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) **Following** (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/21/2005 D M 5.300 7,575 Stock 7.3125

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab 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 or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.3125	03/21/2005		M	5,300	06/29/1996 <u>(1)</u>	12/27/2005	Common Stock	5,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G							
C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP			Senior Vice				
288 UNION STREET			President/Dir.HR				
ROCKLAND, MA 02370							

Signatures

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney for Raymond G. Fuerschbach 03/22/2005

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Granted under the Amended and Restated Independent Bank Corp. 1987 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the 1987 Plan). 1,767 shares with respect to this Option shall first become exercisable on 6/29/96, 1,767 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/97, and the remaining 1,766 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/98. The Option will expire on 12/27/05, subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.

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