

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP
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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 288 UNION STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/25/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

ROCKLAND, MA 02370
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/25/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	V	5,425	A	\$ 9.375
					10,725	D	

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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.375	05/25/2006		M	5,425	<u>(2)</u>	12/24/2006	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.9063					<u>(3)</u>	12/20/2010	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.4063					<u>(4)</u>	12/22/2009	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25					<u>(5)</u>	12/22/2008	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7188					<u>(6)</u>	12/17/2007	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.125					<u>(7)</u>	12/19/2011	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47					<u>(8)</u>	12/19/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.14					<u>(9)</u>	12/11/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.125					<u>(7)</u>	12/19/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47					<u>(8)</u>	12/19/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.895					12/15/2005 ⁽¹⁰⁾	12/14/2012	Common Stock

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- (9) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). 2,025 shares shall first become exercisable on 06/11/04, 2,025 shares shall first become exercisable on 01/02/05, and the remaining 2,025 shall first become exercisable on 01/02/06. The Option will expire on 12/11/13 subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- (10) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Plan (2005 Plan). The Options granted on 12/15/05 vest immediately and will expire on December 14, 2012, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Stock Option Agreement.
- (11) 3,640 Options formerly reported as ISO's under the 12/9/04 grant have converted to NQO's due to an acceleration of vesting for all options granted that date. All options granted on 12/9/04 have now immediately fully vested a/o 12/15/05.

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