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obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	s Section 1'	7(a) of the		ility Hold	ing Com	pany	Act o	f 1935 or Sectio	on		
(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Fernandez Richard F		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC [EBSB]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2013					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	e Original			6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by		erson	
EAST BOST	ON, MA 0212	28						Person		eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)		on Date, if	Code Disposed of (D) Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V		or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/23/2013			А	2,500 (2)	А	\$0	1,200 (1)	D		
Common Stock								4,000	Ι	By IRA	
Common Stock								2,500	Ι	By 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	ie	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S ((
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 18.28	04/23/2013		А	2,500	04/23/2014	04/23/2023	Common Stock	2,500 (<u>3)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 8.99					10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	5,000 (4)	
Stock Options	\$ 9.5					10/13/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	15,000 (5)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fernandez Richard F 10 MERIDIAN STREET EAST BOSTON, MA 02128	Х			
Signatures				

/s/ Lawrence Spaccasi, pursuant to power of attorney

05/02/2013

**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 shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.
- (2) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on April 23, 2014
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on April 23, 2014.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 13, 2009.

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