

Castellano Michael J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Castellano Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BLACKROCK FLOATING RATE INCOME TRUST [BGT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 55 EAST 52ND STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2012

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

NEW YORK, NY 10055
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned 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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr Deri Secu |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 3) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Performance Rights ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 01/18/2012 | | | | A | | 2.9 | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 2.9 | \$ 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Castellano Michael J 55 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10055 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Noah Gellner as Attorney-in-Fact
 Date: 01/23/2012
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) The Performance Rights were accrued under the BlackRock Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) One Performance Right is convertible into the cash value of one share of BlackRock Floating Rate Income Trust.
- (3) The Performance Rights are to be settled 100% in cash at the deferral period chosen by the reporting person.

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