

GOLDEN WEST FINANCIAL CORP /DE/
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WACHOVIA CORP NEW (Last) (First) (Middle) 301 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET (Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28288 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GOLDEN WEST FINANCIAL CORP /DE/ [GDW]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0 (1) (2) (3)	I (1) (2) (3)	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WACHOVIA CORP NEW 301 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28288	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Mark C. Treanor, Senior Executive Vice
President 05/17/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Wachovia Corporation ("Wachovia") is filing this Form 3 solely because Wachovia may be deemed a beneficial owner pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), of 43,123,831 shares (the "Shares") of common stock of Golden West Financial Corporation ("Golden West") that are subject to Voting and Support Agreements, dated as of May 7, 2006, entered into by Wachovia with each of Herbert M. Sandler, Marion O. Sandler and Bernard A. Osher (collectively, the "Voting Agreements") in connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 7, 2006, by and among Wachovia, Burr Financial Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wachovia, and Golden West (the "Merger Agreement"). For additional information regarding the Voting Agreements and the Merger Agreement, see the Schedule 13D filed by Wachovia with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof.

(2) The Shares include 1,310,000 shares of common stock of Golden West subject to stock options.

Wachovia disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares and this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Wachovia is the beneficial owner of the Shares for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or for any other purpose. Wachovia has no "pecuniary interest" in the Shares.

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