

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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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 *
OATES JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 522 LAKESHORE DRIVE
 (Street)
 ELKINS, NH 03233
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
		Code	V (A) (D)				
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0			01/01/2004	01/01/2014	Common Stock	618
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8			<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	266
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 8.7			<u>(2)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	532
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.89			<u>(3)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	799
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 20.22			<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	800
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 38.25			<u>(5)</u>	01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OATES JAMES M 522 LAKESHORE DRIVE ELKINS, NH 03233	X			

Signatures

By: Forrest M. Smith For: James M.
Oates

05/11/2006

__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) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.
 - (2) Currently exercisable.
 - (3) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
 - (4) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
 - (5) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.

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