

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
SMITH JAMES COPENHAVER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
[WBS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/13/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & Chief Executive Off

C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP, 145 BANK STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WATERBURY, CT 06702

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/13/2008		P		5,000	A	\$ 21.7816 (1)
Common Stock					111,000	I	By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock					92,402	I	401(k)/ESOP
Common Stock					32,997	I	Directly by Spouse

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Common Stock	5,698	I	Directly by Spouse IRA
Common Stock	9,546	I	Custody for Children

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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. 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 24.625					12/07/2002 12/07/2009	Common Stock	44,700
Stock Option	\$ 22.81					10/23/2003 10/23/2010	Common Stock	247,925
Stock Option	\$ 29.84					12/17/2004 12/17/2011	Common Stock	61,975
Stock Option	\$ 34.6					12/16/2003 ⁽²⁾ 12/16/2012	Common Stock	62,525
Stock Option	\$ 45.55					12/15/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/15/2013	Common Stock	65,728
Stock Option	\$ 49.62					12/20/2005 ⁽²⁾ 12/20/2014	Common Stock	60,707
Stock Option	\$ 47.4					12/20/2006 ⁽²⁾ 12/20/2015	Common Stock	47,182
Stock Option	\$ 48.88					12/19/2007 ⁽²⁾ 12/19/2016	Common Stock	64,483
Stock Option	\$ 32.03					12/18/2008 ⁽²⁾ 12/18/2017	Common Stock	106,199
	⁽³⁾					⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾		18,472

