

OATES JAMES M
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
534 LAKE SHORE ROAD, P.O.
BOX 250

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/25/2008

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

(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
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ELKINS, NH 03233

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/25/2008		W		200	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					64,601	D	

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. 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					01/02/2003	01/02/2013	Common Stock	189
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					01/30/2003	01/30/2013	Common Stock	208
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					02/03/2003	02/03/2013	Common Stock	177
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					03/03/2003	03/03/2013	Common Stock	175
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					04/01/2003	04/01/2013	Common Stock	179
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					05/01/2003	05/01/2013	Common Stock	172
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					05/12/2003	05/12/2013	Common Stock	195
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					06/01/2013	06/01/2013	Common Stock	166
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					07/01/2003	07/01/2013	Common Stock	168
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					08/01/2003	08/01/2013	Common Stock	171

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) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.

(2) No expiration date for these Units.

(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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