

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
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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 \*  
FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
[INDB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/22/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP., 288 UNION 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

ROCKLAND, MA 02370

(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                    | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 32.995                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 24,679 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 1,750   | A  | \$ 27.425                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 26,429  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 4,250   | A  | \$ 28.27                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 30,679  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/22/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 8,500   | D  | \$ 49.7901                        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 22,179  | 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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy)             | \$ 32.995  | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              | 2,500  | 02/15/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/15/2017                     | Common Stock  | 2,500                      |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy)             | \$ 27.425  | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              | 1,750  | 02/17/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/17/2021                     | Common Stock  | 1,750                      |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy)             | \$ 28.27   | 07/22/2015                           |  | M                              | 4,250  | 02/14/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/14/2018                     | Common Stock  | 4,250                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| FUERSCHBACH RAYMOND G<br>C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.<br>288 UNION STREET<br>ROCKLAND, MA 02370 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Sarah E.Hutchings, Power of Attorney for Raymond G.  
Fuerschbach

07/23/2015

\_\_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) Total holdings reflect the transfer of 614 shares pursuant to a domestic relations order.
- (2) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan 1000 shares first became exercisable on 2/15/08 and 1000 shares became exercisable annually from 2/15/09 to 2/15/12.
- (3) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan 1167 shares first became exercisable on 2/17/12, 1167 shares became exercisable on 2/17/13 and the remainder of the shares became exercisable on 2/17/14.
- (4) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan 1700 shares first became exercisable on 2/14/09 and 1700 shares became exercisable annually from 2/14/10 to 2/14/13.

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