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(Print or Type Responses)

TAVARES MANUEL J

1(b).

Symbol SLADES FERRY BANCORP (Check all applicable) [SFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 100 SLADES FERRY 02/29/2008 Senior Vice President

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AVENUE, PO BOX 390

SOMERSET, MA 02726

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(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 on Acquired (A) o Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	02/29/2008		D	4,904 D	<u>(2)</u>	0	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Fransaction Derivative Code Securities		of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S ()
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.55	02/29/2008		D		9,000	(3)	11/08/2014	Common Stock	9,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.55	02/29/2008		D		1,335	(3)	09/30/2008	Common Stock	1,335	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

TAVARES MANUEL J 100 SLADES FERRY AVENUE PO BOX 390 SOMERSET, MA 02726

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Mary Lynn D. Lenz by Power of Attorney for Manuel J. Tavares

03/03/2008

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**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) Includes shares held jointly and as a custodian and shares acquired by dividend reinvestment.
- Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement between the issuer and Independent Bank Corp. in exchange for \$25.50 in cash or 0.818
- (2) shares of Independent common stock (or a combination of both) per share, depending on the election made by the reporting person and the proration procedures described in the merger agreement.
- (3) All options are currently exercisable.
- (4) Cancelled pursuant to the merger agreement in exchange for a cash payment (less any applicable withholdings) representing the difference between the exercise price and \$25.50 per option.

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