

INDEPENDENT BANK 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 *
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)
10/27/2015

____ 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
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/27/2015		M ⁽¹⁾		1,750	A	(1)	\$ 27.425	23,929		D
Common Stock	10/27/2015		F		217	D		\$ 47.24	22,179 ⁽²⁾		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)	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.425	10/27/2015		M	1,750	02/17/2012 ⁽³⁾ 02/17/2021	Common Stock	1,750

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Kathryn E. Shepard, Power of Attorney for Raymond G. Fuerschbach

 **Signature of Reporting Person

10/28/2015

 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) The exercise of this stock option was at the direction of the reporting person's former spouse pursuant to a divorce settlement decree and therefore did not result in an acquisition of beneficial ownership by the reporting person.
- (2) Amount reflects the transfer to the reporting officer's former spouse of the 1,750 shares (less shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations) underlying the stock option exercised on 10/27/15 as referenced in footnote (1).
- (3) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan 1,167 shares became exercisable on each of 2/17/12 and 2/17/13 and 1,166 shares became exercisable on 2/17/14.

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