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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]					INC	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					Director _X_ Officer (g		% Owner ther (specify		
SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE			03/25/2009						below) below) Executive Vice President			
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
OLNEY, M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Pransaction Date 2A. Dee onth/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/		Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/25/2009			Code A	V	Amount 6,457	(D)	Price \$ 0	6,457	D (1)		
Common Stock									427	D		
Common Stock									784	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan	
Common Stock									189	D (2)		

Common Stock

325

 $D^{(3)}$

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)	Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003(4)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004(4)	12/15/2014	Common Stock	2,875
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005(4)	12/14/2012	Common Stock	2,530
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007(5)	12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,662
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009(5)	03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,800

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hill William W IV SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Hill

03/27/2009

**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) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 25, 2010.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on March 26, 2009.
- (4) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (5) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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