

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CLARK W PAUL

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)  
 07/21/2005

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

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 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 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 07/21/2005                           |  | X                              | 5,000 A \$ 8  | 154,701.476   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,729.14   | I  | by Spouse <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,556   | I  | by Trust <sup>(3)</sup>           |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 8   | 07/21/2005                           |  | X                              | 5,000   | 10/17/1996 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/16/2006                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 10.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/14/1997 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2007                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 11.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/16/2000 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/18/2010                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 13.375  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/13/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/13/2009                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 15.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/17/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/17/2011                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 19.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/14/1998 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/14/2008                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 20.325  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/15/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2013                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 27.105  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/18/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/16/2012                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 27.16   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/26/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/25/2015                     | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 27.685  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/27/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/27/2014                     | Common Stock  |

(right to buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CLARK W PAUL<br>288 UNION STREET<br>ROCKLAND, MA 02370 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Linda M. Campion, POA For: W. Paul Clark  
07/22/2005

\_\_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) Mr. Clark's direct holdings include 44,752. shares held i/n/o Paul Clark, Inc. on which Mr. Clark has voting and investment power.
- (2) Shares in broker name f/b/o spouse. The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that the undersigned is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of such securities.  
2,410 shares held in W. Paul Clark Trust A. 2,146 shares held in W. Paul Clark Trust B. Filer is co-trustee of both Trusts. The filing of
- (3) this statement shall not be construed as an admission that the undersigned is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of such securities.
- (4) Non-Employee Director Derivative Securities, Non-Qualified Common Stock Options expire 10 years from the grant date unless earlier terminated by reason of cessation as non-employee director.

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