O'Brien Joseph J Jr Form 4 March 19, 2010

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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SANDY SPRING BANCORP	O'Brien Joseph J Jr				Symbol				Issuer			
Common Stock Sandy Spring Bancorpy Sandy Sprin						SPRING I	BANCO	RP INC	(Check all applicable)			
SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE	(Last) (First) (Middle)								X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
City												
City		(Street)										
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No Securities

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Owned

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. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivati Securitic Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3) 4, and 5		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)	\$ 29.44					12/19/2008(4)	12/19/2014	Common Stock	1,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.59					07/23/2008(5)	07/23/2014	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009(6)	03/26/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address**

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O'Brien Joseph J Jr SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

Executive Vice President

2 Reporting Owners

OLNEY, MD 20832

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. O'Brien

03/19/2010

**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 the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plans vests ratably on the anniversary of the grant date over three years.
- (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 equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on December 19, 2008.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three annual installments commencing on July 23, 2008.
- (6) 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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