STABLER W DREW

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STABLER W DREW

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC

Symbol

[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2005

X Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Following Reported

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion

or Exercise

Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities Γ (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13	12/14/2005		A		3,300		12/14/2005	12/14/2012	Common Stock	3,300

Reporting Owners

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

STABLER W DREW 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE X OLNEY, MD 20832

Signatures

W. Drew Stabler 12/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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