

HEARD MARIAN L  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Heard Marian L.</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>04/15/03</b>		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
47 Hopewell Farm Road								
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Natick, MA 01760								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner-ship Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or	11. of Ber Ow (Ins)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion				

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							Date		Shares			Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
<b>Stock Units</b>	<b>1-for-1</b>	<b>04/15/03</b>		<b>A<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>1,155.1791</b>		<b>(<sup>(2)</sup>)</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>1,155.1791</b>	<b>\$25.97</b>	<b>12,818.3966</b>	<b>D</b>

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Annual award of FBF stock units under the Directors Deferred Compensation and Stock Unit Plan.

(2) Stock units are payable in shares of FBF common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or resignation from the Board of Directors.

By: /s/ **Martha R. Francis**

**Martha R. Francis, Attorney-in-Fact**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**04/16/03**

Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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