

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH JAMES COPENHAVER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
 [WBS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman & Chief Executive Off

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL
 CORP, 145 BANK STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2007

WATERBURY, CT 06702

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

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
			Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock	12/16/2007		F		935	D	\$ 32.28	97,476	D	
Common Stock								111,000	I	By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock								89,200	I	401(k)/ESOP
Common Stock								62,997	I	Directly by Spouse
								5,698	I	

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Common Stock						Directly by Spouse IRA
Common Stock		9,546		I		Custody for Children

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 33.75					04/30/1998 04/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.875					06/30/1998 06/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Option	\$ 24.625					12/07/2002 12/07/2009	Common Stock	44,700
Stock Option	\$ 22.81					10/23/2003 10/23/2010	Common Stock	247,925
Stock Option	\$ 29.84					12/17/2004 12/17/2011	Common Stock	61,975
Stock Option	\$ 34.6					12/16/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 12/16/2012	Common Stock	62,525
Stock Option	\$ 45.55					12/15/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 12/15/2013	Common Stock	65,728
Stock Option	\$ 49.62					12/20/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 12/20/2014	Common Stock	60,707
Stock Option	\$ 47.4					12/20/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 12/20/2015	Common Stock	47,182
	\$ 48.88					12/19/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 12/19/2016		64,483

