

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**KISSEL FRANK A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**PO BOX 178**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/29/2006**

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

**GLADSTONE, NJ 07934**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/29/2006                           |  | P                              | 100 A \$ 24.6   | 59,538.7092   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,348   | I  | Spouse                            |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 11.85   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 08/14/2007                                    | Common stock  | 18,491                        |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 18.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(1)</u> 02/19/2009                                    | Common stock  | 29,347                        |
| Employee stock options                     | \$ 16.86   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 01/11/2011                                    | Common stock  | 5,324                         |
| Employee stock options                     | \$ 28.89   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/09/2004 01/09/2014                                    | Common stock  | 27,499                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KISSEL FRANK A<br>PO BOX 178<br>GLADSTONE, NJ 07934 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Frank A. Kissel 03/31/2006

\*\*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) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on February 19, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of

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the remaining options.

The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 11, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. On December 11, 2003, (2) the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.

(3) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on August 14, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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