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INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/ Form 4 December 16, 2008 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GULIS STEPHEN L JR** Issuer Symbol **INDEPENDENT BANK CORP / MI/** (Check all applicable) [IBCP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 230 WEST MAIN STREET 07/31/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting **IONIA, MI 48846** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 11/26/2008 178 Α \$0 10,178 D W V Stock Common by 11/26/2008 W/ 178 \$0 178 I V Α Stock Daughter

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)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	ction 3)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2008	A	V	27.11		(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	27.11	\$ 5.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
GULIS STEPHEN L JR 230 WEST MAIN STREET IONIA, MI 48846	Х								
Signatures									
By: s/Michael J. Steele, Attorn Gulis Jr.	12/16/2008								

**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 Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Independent Bank Corporation Deferred Compensation and Stock Purchase Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are to be settled in Independent Bank Corporation Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement.

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