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INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/ Form 4 February 02, 2009 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 **BUTLER RICHARD E/** Issuer Symbol **INDEPENDENT BANK CORP / MI/** (Check all applicable) [IBCP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 230 WEST MAIN STREET 01/30/2009 Sr Vice President (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 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial anv (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

number.

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of	of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.59	01/30/2009		A		6,732		<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2019	Common Stock	6,73
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BUTLER RICHARD E/ 230 WEST MAIN STREET IONIA, MI 48846			Sr Vice Presid	dent				
Signatures								
By: s/Michael J. Steele, Attorn Butler	02/02/2009							
<u>**</u> Signature of Rep	orting Person	1		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 option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2010.

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