STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELL STEVEN H | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check air applicable) | | |
| 15463 WEST 73RD AVENUE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2005 | Director Officer (give title X Other (specify below) Director of a Major Subsidiary | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| ARVADA, CO | 80007 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-Do | erivative Sec | urities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficial | lly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (| A) or (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 37,108 | D | |

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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number conf 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/11/2005 | | A | 1,808 | <u>(1)</u> | (2) | Common Stock | 1,808 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/11/2005 | | A | 452 | 01/01/2008 | (2) | Common Stock | 452 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/11/2005 | | A | 1,150 | (3) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,150 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 7.7813 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 01/12/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| .t g | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BELL STEVEN H 15463 WEST 73RD AVENUE ARVADA, CO 80007 | | | | Director of a Major Subsidiary | | |

Signatures

By: Forrest M. Smith For: Steven H. Bell 02/11/2005

**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) Phantom Stock Units vest in 33 1/3% increments on 1/1/06, 1/1/07 and 1/1/08.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Phantom Stock Units vest in 20% increments on 1/1/06, 1/1/07, 1/1/08, 1/1/09 and 1/1/10.

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(4) Stock options vest in 20% increments on 1/12/01, 1/12/02, 1/12/03, 1/12/04 and 1/12/05.

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