

E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**ELMER RUSSELL S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O E\*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 135 EAST 57TH STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP [ET]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/15/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 General Counsel & Corp. Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/15/2006	02/15/2006	A	(A) Code V Amount (1) 16,406	\$ 23.77	0	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	02/15/2006	A	(A) Code V Amount (2) 3,225	\$ 23.77	208,807	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonstatutory stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.77	02/15/2006	02/15/2006	A	92,746	02/15/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/15/2013	Common Stock
Nonstatutory stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.77	02/15/2006	02/15/2006	A	18,232	02/15/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/15/2013	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELMER RUSSELL S C/O E*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 135 EAST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022			General Counsel & Corp. Sec.	

## Signatures

/s/ Russell S. Elmer 02/17/2006

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock issued pursuant to the E\*TRADE Financial Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The individual's right to retain these shares vests in four (4) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
  - (2) Grant of restricted stock issued pursuant to the E\*TRADE Financial Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The individual's right to retain these shares vests in four (4) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant; provided, however, that the individual's right to vest in some or all of the shares terminates immediately upon a determination by the Compensation Committee (ratified by the Board of Directors) that performance metrics for 2006 have not been met.
  - (3) Option granted pursuant to the E\*TRADE Financial Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. This option becomes vested and exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (4)

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Option granted pursuant to the E\*TRADE Financial Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. This option becomes vested and exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that the individual's right to vest in some or all of the options terminates immediately upon a determination by the Compensation Committee (ratified by the Board of Directors) that performance metrics for 2006 have not been met.

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