

E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RANDALL LEWIS E

 (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)
05/25/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/25/2006	05/25/2006	A	(1) 1,063 \$ 23.515	472,649	D	
Common Stock					637,100	I	By Trust
Common Stock					220,000	I	By 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.515 <u>(2)</u>	05/25/2006	05/25/2006	A	20,000	05/25/2007 05/25/2016	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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NEW YORK, NY 10022

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Signatures

/s/ Russell S. Elmer, his attorney
in fact

05/26/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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 two (2) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

This automatic grant of non-employee director options was issued pursuant to the E*TRADE Financial Corporation 2005 Equity

(2) Incentive Plan. The option becomes exercisable in two (2) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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