

LAUGHLIN TERRENCE P
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Laughlin Terrence P. (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF) | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior Vice President | |
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 02/18/03 | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| FleetBoston Financial Corporation 100 Federal Street (Street) Boston, MA 02110 | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | |

| 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 & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|---|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------|---------|---|--------|--|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | 02/18/03 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,925 | A | | | | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 02/19/03 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 699 | D | \$24.91 | | 60,416 | | | D | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivatives | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially | 10. Ownership Form | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| (Instr. 3) | Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | if any (Month/Day/Year) | Securities (Instr. 8) | | | | Year | (Instr. 3 & 4) | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Award of restricted stock pursuant to the FleetBoston Financial 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Withholding of shares or delivery of previously owned shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.

By: /s/ **Martha R. Francis** **02/20/03**
Martha R. Francis, Attorney-in-Fact Date
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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