

People's United Financial, Inc.

Form S-8

February 23, 2007

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Registration No.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

People s United Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)*

6035
**(Primary Standard Industrial Classification
Code**

20-8447891
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Number)
c/o People s Bank

850 Main Street

Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

(203) 338-7171

(Address, including Zip Code, of principal executive offices)

People s Bank 401(k) Employee Savings Plan

(Full title of the Plan)

John A. Klein

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

People's United Financial, Inc.

850 Main Street

Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

(203) 338-7171

Copy to:

V. Gerard Comizio, Esq.

Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP

1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 347-8400

(Name and address, including Zip Code, telephone number and area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2) | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value | 15,000,000 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 300,000,000 | \$ 9,210 |
| Plan Participation Interests(3) | | | | |

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- (1) Based on the estimated number of shares of common stock of People's United Financial, Inc. (the Registrant) that could be purchased under the People's Bank 401(k) Employee Savings Plan (the Plan) with the current assets of the Plan.
 - (2) Estimated solely for purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), pursuant to which shares of common stock of the Registrant offered pursuant to the Plan are deemed to be offered at \$20 per share, the price at which shares of Registrant's common stock are being offered to the public pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-138389).
 - (3) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.
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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

Not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission).

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Not required to be filed with the Commission.

Note: The document containing the information specified in this Part I will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such document need not be filed with the Commission either as part of this registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this form, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

PART II

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents and information heretofore filed with the Commission by the Registrant (File No. 333-138389) are incorporated by reference in this registration statement:

(1) the Prospectuses for Common Stock of People's United Financial, Inc. dated February 14, 2007, as amended, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act (Registration No. 333-138389); and

(2) the description of the Registrant's common stock (the Common Stock) contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated February 22, 2007 (Registration No. 001-33326).

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), subsequent to the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold are incorporated herein by reference, and such documents shall be deemed to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

People's United Financial, Inc. will provide without charge to each person to whom this Prospectus is delivered, upon request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits to such documents). Written requests should be directed to: Vincent J. Calabrese, People's Bank, 850 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604. Telephone requests may be directed to (203) 338-7228.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") inter alia, empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Similar indemnity is authorized for such person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of any such threatened, pending or completed action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and provided further that (unless a court of competent jurisdiction otherwise provides) such person shall not have been adjudged liable to the corporation. Any such indemnification may be made only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination by the shareholders or disinterested directors or by independent legal counsel in a written opinion that indemnification is proper because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct.

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against him, an incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him under Section 145.

Article VIII of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for damages for breach of his fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is expressly prohibited by the DGCL. Article IX of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation requires the Company, among other things, to indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, any person who is or was or has agreed to become a director or officer

of the Company, who was or is made a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to, or has become a witness in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, including actions or suits by or in the right of the Company, by reason of such agreement or service or the fact that such person is, was or has agreed to serve as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or organization at the written request of the Company.

Article IX also empowers the Company to purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and its directors and officers against any liability, regardless of whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify those persons against such liability under the law or the provisions set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation. The Company is also authorized by its Certificate of Incorporation to enter into individual indemnification contracts with directors and officers. The Company currently maintains directors and officers liability insurance consistent with the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 4.1 The People's Bank 401(k) Employee Savings Plan.
- 4.2 The Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the People's Bank 401(k) Employee Savings Plan.
- 4.3 The Twenty-Seventh Amendment to the People's Bank 401(k) Employee Savings Plan.
- 4.4 Investment Election Form.
- 4.5 Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of People's United Financial, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1, the Registrant's Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated February 13, 2007, as amended, Registration No. 333-138389, and any amendments thereto.
- 4.6 Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of People's United Financial, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2, the Registrant's Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated February 13, 2007, as amended, Registration No. 333-138389, and any amendments thereto.
- 5.1 Opinion of Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, counsel for Registrant, as to the legality of the securities being registered, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated November 2, 2006, as amended, Registration No. 333-138389, and any amendments thereto.
- 23.1 Consent of Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated November 2, 2006, as amended, Registration No. 333-138389, and any amendments thereto.
- 23.2 Consent of KPMG LLP.

Item 9. Undertakings.

A. Qualification of Plan. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to submit the Plan and any amendment thereto to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify the Plan under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

B. Rule 415 offering. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

C. Filings incorporating subsequent Exchange Act documents by reference. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d)

of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

D. Incorporated annual and quarterly reports. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X are not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

E. Filing of registration on Form S-8. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant for expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bridgeport, State of Connecticut on February 23, 2007.

People's United Financial, Inc.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ John A. Klein
John A. Klein
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, this Registration Statement, has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Name | Title | Date |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| /s/ John A. Klein John A. Klein | Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President | February 23, 2007 |
| /s/ Philip R. Sherringham Philip R. Sherringham | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | February 23, 2007 |
| /s/ Vincent J. Calabrese Vincent J. Calabrese | Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer | February 23, 2007 |

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| Name | Title | Date |
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| /s/ Collin P. Baron | Director | February 23, 2007 |
| Collin P. Baron | | |
| /s/ George P. Carter | Director | February 23, 2007 |
| George P. Carter | | |
| /s/ Jerry Franklin | Director | February 23, 2007 |
| Jerry Franklin | | |
| /s/ Eunice S. Groark | Director | February 23, 2007 |
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| /s/ Janet M. Hansen | Director | February 23, 2007 |
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| /s/ Richard M. Hoyt | Director | February 23, 2007 |
| Richard M. Hoyt | | |
| /s/ Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr. | Director | February 23, 2007 |
| Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr. | | |
| /s/ Jack E. McGregor | Director | February 23, 2007 |
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| /s/ James A. Thomas | Director | February 23, 2007 |

James A. Thomas

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