

COLLINS JOHN T
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Collins John T.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)										
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 01/01/03		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	—									
10 Rowes Wharf, Unit 1401		(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	—							
Boston, MA 02110		(City) (State) (Zip)		Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	—								
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Trans-action 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. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		Code		V		Amount		(A) or (D)		Price		Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)					

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or	11. Nat of Indir Benefic Owners (Instr. 4)
							Title					

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						Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
Stock Units	1-for-1	01/01/03		A	257.2016	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	257.2016	\$24.30	17,367.8398	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Stock units accrued under the Directors Deferred Compensation and Stock Unit Plan. Amount of stock units is payable in FBF common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or resignation from the Board of Directors.

By: /s/ **Martha R. Francis** **01/03/03**
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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