

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Szostak M. Anne (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) Executive Vice President	
FleetBoston Financial Corporation 100 Federal Street		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
(Street) Boston, MA 02110			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price								
Common Stock	02/18/03		A ⁽¹⁾		5,068	A							D		
Common Stock	02/19/03		F ⁽²⁾		1,381	D	\$24.91			98,409 ⁽³⁾			D		
Common Stock										2,205			I	Brooke Szostak Irrev. Trust	
Common Stock										2,405			I	Katherine Szostak Irrev. Trust	
Common Stock										20,000			I	By Spouse	
Common Stock										6,320 ⁽³⁾			I	By GRAT	

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. 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 & 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 Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title					
Performance Restricted Stock Units	1-for-1	02/18/03		<u>A</u> ⁽⁴⁾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	70,000		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	70,000		70,000	D	

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.
- (3) Since the reporting person's last report, 7,920 shares held through a grantor retained annuity trust (GRAT) have been distributed and are now directly owned.
- (4) Award of performance restricted stock units pursuant to the FleetBoston Financial 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restrictions on these units will lapse if the Corporation meets certain pre-established earnings per share targets in 2004 and 2005.

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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