Wischnowsky Robert H Form 3 December 11, 2008 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| Person * | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANCORP RHODE ISLAND INC [BARI] | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Wischnowsky Robert H (Last) (First) (Middle) | (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2008 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original | |
| 3 CATALPA WAY | | 1 615011(5) 10 15 | suei | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| (Street) | | Director X Officer | Other | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting | |
| COVENTRY, RI 02816 | | | y) (specify belo e President | ow) | Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | Table I - N | lon-Derivati | ive Securiti | es Bei | neficially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owne (Instr. | * | |
| No securities owned. | 0 | | D | Â | | |
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| Table II - Derivative Securi | ities Beneficially Owned (e. | g., puts, calls, | warrants, opt | ions, co | onvertible securities) | |

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | vative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect | | |

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(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director 10% Owner Officer | | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Wischnowsky Robert H 3 CATALPA WAY COVENTRY, RI 02816 | Â | Â | Vice President | Â | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Margaret D. Farrell (Attorne Wischnowsky) | 12/11/2008 | | | | | | | |

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Remarks:

The reporting person does not currently own any securities of the Registrant and this form is bein

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