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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McDowell Ronda M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|----------------|-------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) SANDY SPR INC., 17801 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2018 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Credit Officer | | |
| OLNEY, ME | (Street) 20832 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zin) | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-E | Derivative | Secui | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|------------------|--|---|------------------|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose 4 and | d of (D) | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | S | 1,072 | D | \$ 37.957 | 5,090 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | S | 800 | D | \$ 37.93 | 4,290 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | M | 1,872 | A | \$ 18.69 | 6,162 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 110 | D (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 760 | D (2) | |

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| Common Stock | 1,883 | D (3) |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Common Stock | 1,866 | D (4) |
| Common Stock | 1,857 | D (5) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

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7. Title and Amount of

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

5. Number

| Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Acqui (A) o Dispo (D) (Instr | rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4, | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| \$ 18.69 | 01/30/2018 | | M | | 1,872 | 03/30/2012(6) | 03/30/2018 | Common Stock | 1,872 |
| \$ 19.02 | | | | | | 03/28/2013(6) | 03/28/2019 | Common Stock | 744 |
| \$ 20.26 | | | | | | 04/01/2014(6) | 03/27/2020 | Common Stock | 597 |
| | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security \$ 18.69 | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security \$ 18.69 | or Exercise any (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security \$ 18.69 01/30/2018 \$ 19.02 | or Exercise any Code Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Security Code V \$ 18.69 01/30/2018 M \$ 19.02 | or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acque (A) or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acque (A) or Exercise (A) or Exerc | or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) \$ 18.69 01/30/2018 \text{M} \text{1,872} \text{N} \text{1,872} | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security Security One of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Code V (A) (D) \$ 18.69 01/30/2018 M 1,872 03/30/20126 03/30/2018 \$ 19.02 | or Exercise Price of Price of Oberivative Security Order V (A) (D) \$ 18.69 01/30/2018 \text{M} \text{M} \text{M} \text{M} \text{M} \text{M} |

Reporting Owners

1. Title of 2.

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP, Chief Credit Officer

2 Reporting Owners

McDowell Ronda M SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Ms. McDowell

02/01/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2015.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2016.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2017.
- (5) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2018.
- (6) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.

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