SMITH PHILIP W III

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH PHILIP W III	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2009	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street) GLADSTONE, NJ 07934	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable _X_ Form			

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Direct (D) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price by Phillary Common Management 03/09/2009 P 1,000 1,000 I Stock Inc., a Corporation Common 27,273.5486 D Stock (4) 6,974.4948 Common Ι **Spouse** (4) Stock Common 698.0353 (4) Child Ι Stock 685.2834 (4) Child

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Common Stock

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 15.68					<u>(5)</u>	03/08/2010	Common Stock	1,272
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.89					<u>(1)</u>	01/09/2014	Common Stock	11,000
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.1					(2)	01/03/2017	Common Stock	2,200
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 24.57					(3)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	2,200

Reporting Owners

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

Reporting Owners 2 SMITH PHILIP W III 190 MAIN STREET PO BOX 178 GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

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Signatures

Philip W. Smith III

03/11/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
 - The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 9, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the
- (1) Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
- (2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (3) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (4) Includes shares received through dividend reinvestment since the last filing.
- (5) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on March 8, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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