WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Plush Gerald P

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Middle)

(First)

C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL

CORP, 145 BANK STREET

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/18/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below)

Sr.EVP - Chief Financial Off

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

WATERBURY, CT 06702

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of Transaction Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and 4	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 32.03	12/18/2007		A	28,970	12/18/2008	12/18/2017	Common Stock	28,970

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Plush Gerald P C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP 145 BANK STREET

Sr.EVP - Chief Financial Off

Signatures

WATERBURY, CT 06702

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Attorney 12/20/2007

**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).

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