

BANKRATE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ross Donaldson M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
477 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 430  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANKRATE INC [RATE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP-Chief Revenue Office

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | 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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)               | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Options for Common Stock | \$ 37.63                     | 12/21/2006       | 12/21/2006 | A                                                    |      |   | 50,000 |     | 12/21/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/21/2013      | Common Stock | 50,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                            | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Ross Donaldson M<br>477 MADISON AVENUE<br>SUITE 430<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | Senior VP-Chief Revenue Office |       |

## Signatures

Donaldson M. Ross  
12/22/2006

\*\*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) Options are exercisable in increments as follows: 12,500 options are exercisable on December 21, 2007; the remaining 37,500 options are exercisable in increments of 1,041.667 shares, exercisable monthly beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 21, 2010.
  - (2) 100,000 options were issued to Donaldson M. Ross on September 11, 2006

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