

Filiberto Ruth
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Filiberto Ruth

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP
 [FFIC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1979 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE E140
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/30/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following 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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	A	2,800	A	\$ 6,300	D
Common Stock	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	P	1,000	A	\$ 7.81	I Spouse
Common Stock						47 (2)	I 401(k)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.44	01/30/2009	01/30/2009	A	4,400	<u>(3)</u> 01/29/2019	Common Stock	4,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Filiberto Ruth 1979 MARCUS AVENUE SUITE E140 LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042	Director 10% Owner Officer Senior Vice President Other

Signatures

Signed by Russell A. Fleishman under Power of Attorney by Ruth E.

Filiberto

02/03/2009

__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) Grant of restricted stock units payable in common stock upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Shares held in FSB 401(k) Savings Plan a/o 1/16/09.
- (3) Grant of stock options which become exercisable upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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