

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
 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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/18/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief Credit Officer

SANDY SPRING BANCORP,  
 INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/18/2015                           |  | A                              |   | 3,139   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,684   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 158   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 310   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 411   |  |                                   |

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|              |       |                  |
|--------------|-------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 439   | D <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 1,899 | D                |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 27.96   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/26/2009 <sup>(6)</sup> 03/26/2015                     | Common Stock  | 1,800                         |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 15  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/31/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> 03/31/2017                     | Common Stock  | 1,781                         |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 18.69   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/30/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> 03/30/2018                     | Common Stock  | 1,872                         |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 19.02   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/28/2013 <sup>(7)</sup> 03/28/2019                     | Common Stock  | 744                           |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 20.26   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/01/2014 <sup>(7)</sup> 03/27/2020                     | Common Stock  | 597                           |

Buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| McDowell Ronda M<br>SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.<br>17801 GEORGIA AVENUE<br>OLNEY, MD 20832 |               |           | EVP, Chief Credit Officer |       |

## Signatures

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

03/20/2015

\*\*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, 2016.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 31, 2011.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 30, 2012.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 28, 2013.
- (5) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (6) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (7) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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