

PICOTTE MICHAEL B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Picotte Michael B.</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>Picotte Companies</b> <b>20 Corporate Woods , Suite 600</b>			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>01/01/03</b>		
(Street) <b>Albany, NY 12211-2370</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>12/23/02</b>		<b>G</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>9,984</b>	<b>D</b>		<b>21,039</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Common Stock</b>								<b>18,090</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>West Bradford Corporation</b>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	10. Ownership Form of Deriv-	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	Security	Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8)		of (D)		Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)							Exer- cisable
<b>Stock Units</b>	<b>1-for-1</b>	<b>01/01/03</b>		<b>A</b>		<b>514.4033</b>		<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>514.4033</b>	<b>\$24.30</b>	<b>30,835.2028</b>	<b>D</b>

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Stock units accrued under the Directors Deferred Compensation and Stock Unit Plan. Amount of stock units is payable in FBF common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or resignation from the Board of Directors.

By: /s/ **Martha R. Francis** **01/03/03**  
**Martha R. Francis, Attorney-in-Fact** Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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