

DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE
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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 *
COULTER CHAD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O DELPHI CAPITAL
 MANAGEMENT, INC., 590
 MADISON AVENUE 30TH FL

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP
 INC/DE [DFG]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/05/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 VP, Secy & Gen Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2006		M		9,700 A \$ 19.6667	11,510	D
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2006		S		9,700 D \$ 53.14	1,810	D
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2006		M		15,300 A \$ 20.8333	17,110	D

Class A
Common Stock 05/05/2006 S 15,300 D \$ 53.14 1,810 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.6667	05/05/2006		M	9,700	01/11/2000 01/11/2010	Class A Common Stock	9,700
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.8333	05/05/2006		M	15,300	09/20/2000 ⁽²⁾ 09/20/2009	Class A Common Stock	15,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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590 MADISON AVENUE 30TH FL
NEW YORK, NY 10022

VP, Secy & Gen Counsel

Signatures

Chad W. Coulter 05/09/2006

__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) Not applicable.
 - (2) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on September 20, 2000.

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