

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

July 06, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
POPEJOY WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL
CORP [NEW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE
1000**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/30/2005

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)
IRVINE,, CA 92612

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	06/30/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 14.53	18,217	D
Common Stock	06/30/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 26.97	28,217	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 Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.53 (1)	06/30/2005		M	15,000	(2) 11/05/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.97 (4)	06/30/2005		M	10,000	(5) 05/21/2013	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POPEJOY WILLIAM J 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612	X			

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett
(Attorney-in-Fact) 07/06/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This stock option grant was previously reported on a Form 3 filed on November 5, 2002 as covering 15,000 shares at an exercise price of \$21.80 per share. On July 1, 2003, the stock options remaining under this stock option grant as of June 12, 2003, the record date of the 3-for-2 split, were adjusted to reflect the stock split.

This stock option grant vests as to one-third of the total number of options on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on June 30, 2005 vested as follows: 7,500 shares on November 5, 2003 and 7,500 shares on November 5, 2004.

(3) This column is not applicable.

(4) This stock option grant was previously reported on a Form 4 filed on May 21, 2003 as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$40.45 per share. On July 1, 2003, the stock options remaining under this stock option grant as of June 12, 2003, the record date of the

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3-for-2 split, were adjusted to reflect the stock split.

- (5) This stock option grant vests as to one-third of the total number of options on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on June 30, 2005 vested as follows: 5,000 shares on May 1, 2004 and 5,000 shares on May 1, 2005.

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