

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
GOTSCHALL EDWARD F

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/02/2006

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

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 | Price | |
| Common Stock | 10/02/2006 | | M | | 85,444 | A \$ 6.65 | 1,148,990 D |
| Common Stock | 10/02/2006 | | M | | 14,556 | A \$ 10.47 | 1,163,546 D |
| Common Stock | 10/02/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100,000 | D \$ 38.98 | 1,063,546 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,127 I By daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,127 I By son |

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|--------------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,127 | I | By son ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 100,000 | I | By wife |

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) | \$ 6.65 | 10/02/2006 | | M | 85,444 | ⁽³⁾ 09/04/2011 | Common Stock | 85,444 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.47 | 10/02/2006 | | M | 14,556 | ⁽⁵⁾ 02/27/2012 | Common Stock | 14,556 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOTSCHALL EDWARD F
18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000
IRVINE,, CA 92612

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Signatures

Jennifer Jewett
(Attorney-in-Fact)

10/04/2006

**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) This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 15, 2006.

(2) Shares held by the reporting person's wife as custodian for the benefit of his son under the California Uniform Transfers to Minor Act.

This stock option grant vested 20% on September 4, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

(4) This column is not applicable.

This stock option grant vested 20% on February 27, 2003, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of the option exercised by the reporting person on October 2, 2006 vested on February 27, 2003.

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