

CARFORA JEFFREY J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CARFORA JEFFREY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SEVP & Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO BOX 700
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/26/2018

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| | | | | | (A) or (D) | | |
| | | | | | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2018 | | D | | 14,559 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 963.4292 (2) | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| | | | | | 4,173.4514 | I | |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable (4) Expiration Date (4) | Title Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares 6,708 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 1,123 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | | | | | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 6,708 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARFORA JEFFREY J 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700 | | | SEVP & Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

Jeffrey J.
Carfora

03/28/2018

**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) On December 4, 2013, 14,559 shares of restricted stock were granted subject to reaching certain performance conditions over the 5 year vesting period. On March 26, 2018 these shares were forfeited due to those certain performance conditions not being satisfied.
- (2) Includes 401(k) contributions used to purchase PGC stock.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in three approximately equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in five approximately equal installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation subject to certain performance conditions. The units will cliff vest, after three years, if the conditions are met.
- (7) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied.

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