FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FAIRBANK RICHARD D | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP [COF] | | | | | | | (Chec | 5. Relationship of R (Check all applicable) X Director | | Persor | 10% Ow | ner | |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|---------|--|----------|---|-----------------|--|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) 1680 CAP | (Last) (First) (Middle) 1680 CAPITAL ONE DRIVE | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2004 | | | | | | | X | X Officer (give title below) Chairman, CI | | | Other (sp below) President | pecify | |
| (Street) MCLEAN VA 22102 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | l | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | ate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | Total filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Т | able I - Non | Deriva | tive S | ecuritie | es Acqı | uired, | Disp | osed of, | or Bene | ficially C | wned | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | saction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Execution Date, if any | | ction Instr. | 4. Securities Disposed Of | | | and 5) Securities Beneficially Owner Following Reported Transportion(c) | | Form: | Direct I Indirect E tr. 4) (| 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 05/12 | | | | 05/12/2 | 2/2004 | | G | V | 7,900 | D | \$0 | 711,848 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 107,502 | | | I I | By Fairbank Morris nc. | | |
| | | | Table II - D | | | | | | | sed of, or onvertible | | | vned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | rcise (Month/Day/Year) of tive | 3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numb derivativ Securiti Benefici Owned Followir Reporte | ve es ially ng | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Performance Shares ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.00 | 05/17/2004 | | D | | | 355,410 | (1) | | 03/31/2007 | Common Stock | 355,410 | \$0 0 | | | D | | |
| Performance | \$0.00 | 05/17/2004 | | A | | 355,410 | | (1) |) | 03/31/2007 | Common | 355,410 | \$0 | 355,4 | 410 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Performance Shares were cancelled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and the Company on May 17, 2004. In return, the reporting person was awarded a similar grant of restricted stock units and the amount reported represents the maximum number of restricted stock units to be issued. The actual number of restricted stock units will depend on the Company's fully diluted compound earnings per share growth rate compared with that of a peer group of companies over the three-year period beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2006. The restricted stock units, if any, will vest on March 31, 2007 and will become issuable on the January 1 following the reporting person's retirement or other departure from employment with the Company. The cancellation of the Performance Shares and the issuance of the restricted stock units were done pursuant to the terms of the reporting person's original grant.

Remarks:

By: Polly A. Nyquist (POA on File) 05/19/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** 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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The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints John G. Finneran, Jr., Frank R. Borchert, III, Gary L. Perlin, Jean K. Traub and Polly A. Nyquist, and each of them, as the true and lawful attorneys-in-fact (with full power of substitution and revocation in each) to:

- (1) execute, for and on behalf of the undersigned, any and all statements and reports required or permitted to be filed by the undersigned, in any and all capacities, under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder (the "Act") with respect to the beneficial ownership of the securities of Capital One Financial Corporation (the "Company"), including without limitation Forms 3, 4 and 5;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such statements and reports and file such statements and reports, with all amendments, supplements and exhibits thereto, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and/or any other stock exchange or any similar authority and to deliver copies thereof to the Company; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully as the undersigned could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorneys-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, acting in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file statements or reports under Section 16(a) of the Act with respect to holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26th day of April, 2004.

/s/ Richard D. Fairbank

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF VIRGINIA)) ss. CITY/COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of April, 2004, by Richard D. Fairbank.

/s/ Luis Mejorado Notary Public

(SEAL)

My commission expires February 28, 2007.