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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EBERLE ROBERT A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/ [EPAY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|------------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) C/O BOTTO TECHNOLO CORPORAT | OGIES, 325 | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2006 | X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) President and COO | | |
| (Street) PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

| (City) | (State) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | Derivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common stock | 02/22/2006 | | Code V M | Amount 7,704 | (D) | Price \$ 8.19 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 91,704 | D | |
| Common stock | 02/22/2006 | | M | 2,296 | A | \$ 5.87 | 94,000 | D | |
| Common stock | 02/22/2006 | | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 12.46 | 84,000 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Securities | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | iomf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | nsaction Derivative le Securities str. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------|-------|--|-----------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Number of Shares | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.19 | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 7,704 | 02/21/2003(1) | 02/21/2012 | Common stock | 7,704 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.87 | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 2,296 | 05/13/2004(1) | 05/13/2013 | Common stock | 2,296 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| EBERLE ROBERT A C/O BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES 325 CORPORATE DRIVE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 | X | | President and COO | | | | | |

Signatures

Joseph Mullen as POA for Robert A.
Eberle 02/24/2006

**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).

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Reporting Owners 2

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This grant is exercisable in installments over a four year period commencing one year after the grant date, with 25% becoming vested one year after the date of grant and an additional 6.25% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive three-month period following the first anniversary of the grant date until the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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