

EBERLE ROBERT A
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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 *
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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

C/O BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES, 325 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

(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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | M | A | 13,624 | \$ 8.19 | 101,819 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | M | A | 4,376 | \$ 5.87 | 106,195 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | D | 15,000 | \$ 12.47 | 91,195 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | D | 3,205 | \$ 12.48 | 87,990 D |
| | 12/16/2005 | | G | V | 990 | \$ 0 | 87,000 D |

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Common
Stock

Common Stock 12/16/2005 G V 3,000 D \$ 0 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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.19 | 12/14/2005 | | M | 13,624 | 02/21/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 02/21/2012 | Common Stock | 13,624 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.87 | 12/14/2005 | | M | 4,376 | 05/13/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 05/13/2013 | Common Stock | 4,376 |

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 | | | President and COO | |

Signatures

Robert A.
Eberle

12/16/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

This grant is exercisable in installments over a four year period commencing one year after the grant date, with 25% becoming vested one (1) 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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