

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### **SYKES OLLIN B**

CIK: **1258861**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-33223** | Film No.: **081047132**

#### Mailing Address

*C/O GATEWAY FINANCIAL  
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P O BOX 1908  
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#### Business Address

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### ISSUER

#### **GATEWAY FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC**

CIK: **1156953** | IRS No.: **562264354** | State of Incorporation: **NC** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

#### Mailing Address

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

|   |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br><b>SYKES OLLIN B</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>GATEWAY FINANCIAL HOLDINGS<br/>INC [GBTS]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>08/28/2008</b>                           |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check applicable line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |  |
| C/O GATEWAY FINANCIAL HODINGS, P O<br>BOX 1908                  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27906</b>                     |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (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  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common shares                   | 08/28/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 670   | A          | \$6.91 | 32,500  | D  |   |
| Common shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |        | 123,707   | I  | Sykes & Company PSP                                   |
| Common shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |        | 365   | I  | SykesCo Partnership                                   |

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |  |  |

### Signatures

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

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