

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**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 *
DEPILLO DAVID S2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP
/WA/ [STSA]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 NORTH WALL STREET
(Street)3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/29/2013☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)
EVP/Vice Chairman

SPOKANE, WA 99201

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	04/29/2013	A	8,823			(1)	(1)			Common Stock	8,823
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 21.76	04/29/2013	A	8,406 (2)			04/29/2014	04/29/2023			Common Stock	8,406

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEPILLO DAVID S 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201			EVP/Vice Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway,
attorney-in-fact

05/01/2013

____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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 25% each year over the next 4 years on the grant's anniversary date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the Company on such date.

(2) Grant of nonqualified stock options scheduled to vest 25% each year over the next four years on the grant's anniversary date subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company on such date. The award of nonqualified stock options are issued under and governed by the terms of Sterling's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan.

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