STERLING FINANCIAL CORP/WA/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHULTHEIS ANDREW J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

10% Owner

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP

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(Check all applicable)

General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

X_ Officer (give title

Director

Other (specify below)

111 NORTH WALL STREET

03/07/2014

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

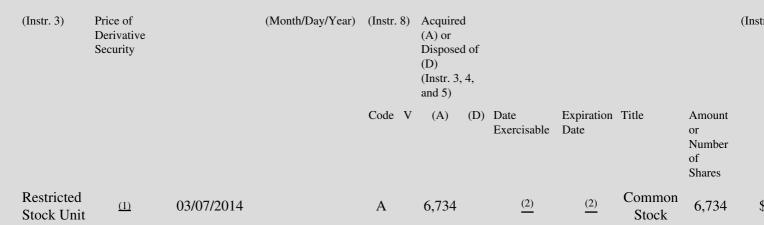
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHULTHEIS ANDREW J
111 NORTH WALL STREET
SPOKANE, WA 99201
General
Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway, attorney-in-fact 03/11/2014

**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 Sterling common stock.

The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 25% each year over the next 4 years with the first vesting event occurring on April 1,

(2) 2015, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sterling on such date. The award of restricted stock units are issued under and governed by the terms of Sterling's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan.

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