

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 LYONS THOMAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 239 WASHINGTON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/04/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and CFO

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/04/2013		A	6,818 (4)	\$ 0 33,400	D	
Common Stock					6,550	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					6,798	I	By IRA
Common Stock					24,966 (1)	I	By 401(k)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.34	03/04/2013		A	12,114	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Common Stock	12,114 (5)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	2,044 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	1,540 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	11,024 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.03					07/21/2006	07/21/2015	Common Stock	10,000 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LYONS THOMAS M 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney. 03/05/2013

__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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.
- (3) Stock options are fully vested.
- (4) Performance stock awards granted on February 3, 2010 which vested on March 4, 2013 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (5) Performance stock options granted on February 3, 2010 which vested on March 4, 2013 based on meeting certain performance criteria.

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