

KUNTZ JOHN F
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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 *
KUNTZ JOHN F

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)
830 BERGEN AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

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 | 01/29/2013 | | F | 111 D \$ 14.9 | 42,437 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 500 | I | By wife's IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11,085 ⁽³⁾ | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,046 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | 8. Priority (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2012 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,324 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 7,780 (1) |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 5,640 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,698 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.87 | | | | | 09/21/2007 | 09/21/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.48 | | | | | 03/23/2007 | 03/23/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.57 | | | | | 07/17/2004 | 07/17/2013 | Common Stock | 80,000 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KUNTZ JOHN F 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | | | EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of
Attorney

01/31/2013

__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) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.
 - (2) Stock options have fully vested.
 - (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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