

CRACCHIOLO JAMES M
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FORM 4

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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 *
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC
[AMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S
OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE
FINANCIAL CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/14/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

(Street)

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/14/2012 | | M | | 54,466 | A | \$ 32.5871 | 283,214 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/14/2012 | | S | | 48,625 | D | \$ 54.4545 | 234,589 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2012 | | M | | 45,534 | A | \$ 32.5871 | 280,123 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2012 | | S | | 40,654 | D | \$ 54.4162 | 239,469 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 08/16/2012 | M | 32,000 | A | ⁽²⁾ \$ 32.5871 | 271,469 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2012 | S | 28,560 | D | \$ 54.5347 ⁽³⁾ | 242,909 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,339.02 | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽⁴⁾ |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.5871 | 08/14/2012 | | M | 54,466 | 09/30/2005 | 01/23/2015 | Common Stock | 54,466 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.5871 | 08/15/2012 | | M | 45,534 | 09/30/2005 | 01/23/2015 | Common Stock | 45,534 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.5871 | 08/16/2012 | | M | 32,000 | 09/30/2009 | 01/23/2015 | Common Stock | 32,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CRACCHIOLO JAMES M GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE 1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. Moore for James M.
Cracchiolo

08/16/2012

**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 the weighted average price of 48,625 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 14, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.40 to \$54.52 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 40,654 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 15, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.40 to \$54.46 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Reflects the weighted average price of 28,560 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 16, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.50 to \$54.72 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) Estimate of the number of shares held in the reporting person's account in the Ameriprise Financial Stock Fund under the Ameriprise Financial 401(k) plan as of February 6, 2012. This plan uses unit accounting and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the price of Ameriprise stock.

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