Bankrate, Inc. Form 4 November 12, 2014

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Esterow Kenneth S | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
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| | Bankrate, Inc. [RATE] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| C/O BANKRATE, INC., 11760 US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200 | 11/09/2014 | Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, CEO | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zi | p) Table I | - Non-Deri | ivative Securities | s Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--|--|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acor(A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and or Amount (D) | d of 5) Price | 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) |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2014 | | F | 963 (1) D | \$ 10.8 | 182,191 <u>(2)</u> | D | |
| 2014 Performance Shares | | | | | | 126,400 (3) | D | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) |] |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | (|
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | J |
| | - | | | | (A) or | | | | | | J |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (|
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | Date Expiration Exercisable Date | Expiration | | or Number | | | |
| | | | | | | | of | | | | |
| | | | | C-1- 1 | 7 (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Esterow Kenneth S C/O BANKRATE, INC. 11760 US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200 NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408

President, CEO

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Signatures

/s/ James R. Gilmartin, as attorney-in-fact

11/12/2014

**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) Represents shares surrendered by the reporting person to Bankrate, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock previously awarded to the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 142,713 restricted shares.

Represents the "target" number of shares of common stock. The actual number of shares of common stock that will vest will depend on the Company's financial performance in respect of the 2014 and 2015 calendar years and could be as many as one and a half times the

(3) number of performance shares initially granted or as few as zero shares. Half of the shares that are earned will vest following the determination of the award value following the end of 2015 and the remaining half will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting dates. The shares are also subject to full or partial acceleration in the event of certain terminations of employment or the occurrence of certain terminations of employment following a change in control.

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