

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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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 *
KUNTZ JOHN F

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/04/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/04/2014 | | A | (A) or (D) 4,760 (1) | \$ 0 56,411 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2014 | | F | 1,636 D | \$ 19.1 54,775 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 500 | I | By Wife's IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,486 | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,386 (2) | I | By 401(k) |

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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.34 | | | | | 03/04/2013 | 03/04/2023 | Common Stock | 13,403 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2012 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,324 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 7,780 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 5,640 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,698 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.87 | | | | | 09/21/2007 | 09/21/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.48 | | | | | 03/23/2007 | 03/23/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KUNTZ JOHN F 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | | | EVP, General Counsel, Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ John F.
Kuntz

03/05/2014

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Performance stock awards granted on February 3, 2011 which vested on March 4, 2014 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Stock options have fully vested.

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