

NOVIELLI JACK  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
NOVIELLI JACK

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 AVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/21/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and CIO of Provident Bank

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

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

(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	08/21/2008		F	335 D \$ 14.47	5,991	D	
Common Stock					401	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 1
Common Stock					602	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 2
Common Stock					9,454 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
					4,764	I	By ESOP

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Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

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As Cust.  
for Son 1

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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,030 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	9,797 <u>(3)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	3,000 <u>(4)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	40,000 <u>(5)</u>

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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830 BERGEN AVE  
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

SVP and CIO of Provident Bank

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of  
Attorney

08/22/2008

\_\_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 transaction 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 January 29, 2013.
  - (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
  - (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.
  - (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.

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