STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOGGS PAULA**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/[STSA]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

07/30/2013

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify

111 NORTH WALL STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative **Expiration Date** or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) Security Securities any

7. Title and Amount

Underlying Securitie

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualifie Stock Option	N /D U4	07/30/2013		A		1,817		<u>(1)</u>	04/29/2023	Common Stock	1,81
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	07/30/2013		A		1,169		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,16

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOGGS PAULA 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	X							

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway, attorney-in-fact

07/31/2013

**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).
- Each nonqualified stock option represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The nonqualified stock

 (1) options are scheduled to become 100% vested on April 1, 2014 subject to the reporting person's continued service with Sterling on such date. The award of nonqualified stock options are issued under and governed by the terms of Sterling's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock unites are scheduled to become 100% vested on April 1, 2014 subject to the reporting person's continued service with Sterling on such date. The award of restricted stock units are issued under and governed by the terms of Sterling's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan.

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