### STERLING FINANCIAL CORP/WA/

Form 4 April 25, 2011

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* COULTER DAVID A

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/[STSA]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

**OMB** 

Number:

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111 N. WALL STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/22/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X\_ Director

Officer (give title

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

below)

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

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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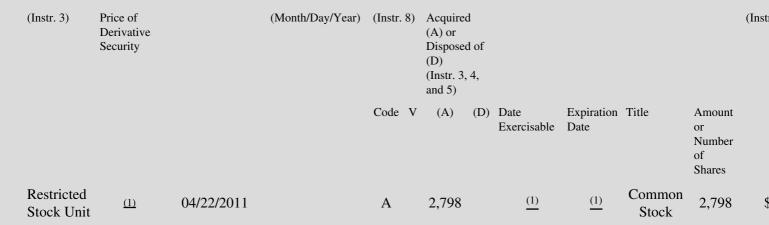
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Conversion Deri (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities Secu any

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COULTER DAVID A 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	X			

## **Signatures**

/s/ Robert G. Butterfield,
attorney-in-fact 04/25/2011

\*\*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 restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock units are

(1) scheduled to become 100% vested after the first anniversary date of the grant (April 22, 2012) subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company on such date.

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