#### **ZUPPE WILLIAM W**

Form 4

February 02, 2007

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

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2 Jaguar Nama and Tiakar or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

ZUPPE WILLIAM W			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading  Symbol					Issuer			
	STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]				P	(Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify					
111 N. WALL STREET			01/31/2007					below) below) COO & President			
	(Street)		4. If Amen Filed(Mont			e Original		<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			erson
SPOKANE,	WA 99201								Person	wore than One Re	eporung
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non	-De	erivative So	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8		4. Securiti n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of	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	01/31/2007	01/31/20	007	A(1)		30,000	A	\$0	74,601	D	
Common Stock									31,201	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock									2,236	I	Spouse IRA
Reminder: Repo	ort on a separate line	for each clas	ss of secur	ities ben	efic	•		•	<u>*</u>		
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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. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
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					(A) or						Repo
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				G 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ZUPPE WILLIAM W 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	X		COO & President					

## **Signatures**

Daniel G. Byrne 02/02/2007

\*\*Signature of 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) Restricted Stock Award with the company dated January 31, 2007. This grant will vest over a 4 year period with 25% vesting each year over the next 4 years (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011)

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