

Clemmens Robert T
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Clemmens Robert T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL,
 INC., 500 BOYLSTON STREET,
 SUITE 1600

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NewStar Financial, Inc. [NEWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/18/2009

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)
 Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17 | 03/18/2009 | D | | | (1) | 12/13/2016 | Common Stock | 93, |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.76 | 03/18/2009 | A | 150,000 | | (3) | 03/18/2016 | Common Stock | 150 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Clemmens Robert T
 C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC.
 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600
 BOSTON, MA 02116

Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

/s/ Daniel K. Crowley as attorney-in-fact for Robert T. Clemmens

03/20/2009

**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) The option provided for 60% vesting on December 13, 2006 and 10% vesting on each anniversary of December 13, 2006 thereafter.

On March 18, 2009, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option exchange program, an option granted to the reporting person on

(2) December 13, 2006, and in exchange, the issuer granted a replacement option for 150,000 shares to the reporting person. The new option has an exercise price of \$2.76, which is equal to the closing price of the underlying stock on the grant date.

(3) The option will vest and become exercisable in three substantially equal annual installments on March 18, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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