

CAPITOL FEDERAL FINANCIAL
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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 *
 TOWNSEND KENT G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CAPITOL FEDERAL FINANCIAL
 [cffn]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 700 KANSAS AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/24/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec Vice President and CFO

TOPEKA, KS 66603
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| CFFN common stock | 11/24/2008 | | M | | 9,147 | A | \$ 33.88 |
| CFFN common stock | 11/24/2008 | | S | | 9,147 | D | \$ 43.54 |
| CFFN common stock | 11/25/2008 | | M | | 8,853 | A | \$ 33.88 |
| CFFN common | 11/25/2008 | | F | | 6,824 | D | \$ 43.95 |

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|-------------------------|--|--------|---|----------------------|
| stock | | | | |
| CFFN common stock | | 25 | I | Custodian for Son |
| CFFN common stock | | 17,856 | I | ESOP |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| CFFN incentive stock option 08/23/2005 | \$ 33.88 | 11/25/2008 | | M | 8,853 | <u>(1)</u> 08/23/2015 | CFFN common stock | 8,853 | |
| CFFN non-qualified stock option 08/23/2005 | \$ 33.88 | 11/24/2008 | | M | 9,147 | <u>(2)</u> 08/23/2020 | CFFN common stock | 9,147 | |
| CFFN phantom stock 2006 | \$ 32.94 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 01/25/2009 | CFFN common stock | 790 | |
| CFFN phantom stock 2007 | \$ 38.42 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 01/25/2010 | CFFN common stock | 542 | |
| CFFN phantom stock 2008 | \$ 31 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 01/25/2011 | CFFN common stock | 526 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TOWNSEND KENT G 700 KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66603 | | | Exec Vice President and CFO | |

Signatures

James D. Wempe, Vice
President 11/26/2008

__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) A total of 2,951 options vested on each of the following dates: August 23, 2006, August 23, 2007, August 23, 2008, August 23, 2009 and August 23, 2010.
- (2) A total of 3,049 options vested on each of the following dates; August 23, 2006, August 23, 2007, August 23, 2008, August 23, 2009 and August 23, 2010.
- (3) Phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Deferred Incentive Bonus Plan. The units are deemed sold and settled in cash in three years from date of acquisition.

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