NOVIELLI JACK

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **NOVIELLI JACK** Issuer Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [PFS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 830 BERGEN AVENUE 01/29/2013 EVP and CIO of Provident Bank (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 01/29/2013 F 79 D 12,237 D 14.9 Stock

Common $15,599 \stackrel{(3)}{=}$ I By 401(k) Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2012	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,766 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	5,910 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,030 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	9,797 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	3,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	40,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NOVIELLI JACK 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306			EVP and CIO of Provident Bank			
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Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 01/31/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.
- (2) Stock options have fully vested.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section of the Securities Exchange Act of 193, as amended.

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