EDWARDS WEBB

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EDWARDS WEBB		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 111 NORTH	(First) WALL STR	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2013			_X_ Director Officer (give below)	e title Oth	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SPOKANE,	WA 99201					Form filed by l Person	More than One R	eporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y			3. Transactio	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature Indirect

Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			G 1 17	or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount (D) Price			
Common	04/30/2013		M	$2,575 A {}^{\$ 0}_{(1)}$	5,373	D	

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)

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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. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	(A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	04/29/2013		A	1,608		(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 21.76	04/29/2013		A	2,626		04/01/2014	04/29/2023	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	04/30/2013		M	2	2,575	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EDWARDS WEBB 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	X						

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway, attorney-in-fact

05/01/2013

**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) Represents the vesting of 2,575 restricted stock units and subsequent issuance of 2,575 shares of common stock effective April 30, 2013.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock units are scheduled to become 100% vested on April 1, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company on such date.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock units became (3) 100% vested on April 30, 2013, the first anniversary date of the grant, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company on such date.

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