

CRACCHIOLO JAMES M  
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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 \*  
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC  
[AMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S  
OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE  
FINANCIAL CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/10/2010		M		83,338	A	\$ 20.819 302,844	D
Common Stock	12/10/2010		S		69,328	D	\$ 55.8236 233,516	D
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M		61,064	A	\$ 20.819 294,580	D
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S		50,798	D	\$ 55.8047 243,782	D

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Common Stock	12/13/2010	S	<u>24,276</u> (3)	D	<u>\$</u> 55.8029 (4)	219,506	D	
Common Stock						1,318.86	I	By 401(k) Plan (5)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.819	12/10/2010		M	83,338	01/27/2007 01/26/2013	Common Stock	83,338	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.819	12/13/2010		M	61,064	01/27/2007 01/26/2013	Common Stock	61,064	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE 1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Susan M. Beltz for James M.  
Cracchiolo

12/14/2010

\_\_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) Reflects the weighted average price of 69,328 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on December 10, 2010 with sale prices ranging from \$55.80 to \$55.95 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 50,798 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on December 13, 2010 with sale prices ranging from \$55.80 to \$55.8322 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) The reporting person is disposing of these shares for the purpose of investment diversification.

(4) Reflects the weighted average price of 24,276 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on December 13, 2010 with sale prices ranging from \$55.80 to \$55.805 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(5) Estimate of the number of shares held in the reporting person's account in the Ameriprise Financial Stock Fund under the Ameriprise Financial 401(k) plan as of December 9, 2010. This plan uses unit accounting and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the price of Ameriprise stock.

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