#### EISENHART WILLIAM L

Form 4

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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

EISENHART WILLIAM L

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director 10% Owner

111 N. WALL STREET

01/30/2009

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common

Stock

01/30/2009

 $A^{(1)}$ 

Code V Amount

(Instr. 8)

1,000 Α

\$0 6,950 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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>:</b>		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EISENHART WILLIAM L 111 N. WALL STREET	X						
SPOKANE, WA 99201	Α						

# **Signatures**

/s/ Daniel G. Byrne, Chief Financial
Officer
02/02/2009

\*\*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) Restricted stock award grant pursuant to Sterling's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Grant vests over 4 year period (25% each year).

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