### EDWARDS WEBB Form 3/A March 21, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OME

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Instr. 4)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> EDWARDS WEBB			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]				
(Last) 111 NORTH	(First)	(Middle)	03/11/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) OfficerOwner (give title below) (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2011		
SPOKANE,4	(Street) WA 99	201					<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group</li> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One</li> <li>Reporting Person</li> </ul>	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	tive Securition	es Bei	neficially Owned	
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Securities Underlying

Amount or

Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

Title

Expiration

Conversion

or Exercise

Derivative

Price of

Security

Ownership

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

(I)

Form of

**Expiration Date** 

Exercisable Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Date

**Beneficial Ownership** 

(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
EDWARDS WEBB 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Karla J. Gehlen, attorney-in-fact	0					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

#### No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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### **Remarks:**

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