STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

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1(b).

(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 SEIBLY JOHN GREGORY Issuer Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) /WA/[STSA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 111 N. WALL STREET 10/01/2013 CEO/President - SFC (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 SPOKANE, WA 99201 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 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common \$ 29 10/01/2013 $J^{(1)}$ 3,983 D 63,673 D (2) Stock Common 2,534 T 401K Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships							
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
X		CEO/President - SFC					
		Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway, 10/03/2013 attorney-in-fact

> **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).
 - 3,983 shares tendered to cover federal income tax withholding on Mr. Seibly's October 1, 2013 distribution of salary stock shares
- previously granted to him in the form of manditorily deferred Restricted Stock Units. Delivery of the shares was deferred until future distribution dates as provided in the Award Agreement between Sterling and Mr. Seibly.
- (2) Closing price of Sterling common stock on Monday, October 1, 2013 used to calculate federal income tax due upon distribution of shares. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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