

NOVIELLI JACK  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NOVIELLI JACK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
830 BERGEN AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/03/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP&CIO of The Provident Bank

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2010		F	485 D \$ 10.34	9,658	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2010		A	1,934 (6) D \$ 0	11,592	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2010		D	401 D \$ 10.32	0	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 1
Common Stock	02/04/2010		D	602 D \$ 10.34	0	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 2
					12,067	I	By 401(k)

Common Stock									
Common Stock						5,767	I	By ESOP	
Common Stock	02/04/2010		D	130	D	\$ 10.33	0	I	As Cust. for Son 1

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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	5,910 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,030 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	9,797 <u>(3)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	3,000 <u>(4)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	40,000 <u>(5)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP&CIO of The Provident Bank

NOVIELLI JACK  
830 BERGEN AVENUE  
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of  
attorney

02/05/2010

\_\_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) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2014.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.
- (6) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2013.

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