

FEKETE FRANK L  
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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 \*  
FEKETE FRANK L

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)

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

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

830 BERGEN AVENUE

05/10/2010

(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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/10/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 700   | D  | \$ 12.72  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/10/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 3,300   | D  | \$ 12.7   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,000   | I  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,500   | I  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,000   | I  |   |

By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

By Wife

By Wife as Cust. for Son

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|              |        |   |                                      |
|--------------|--------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 10,000 | I | By Retirement Account <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 2,000  | I | By Daughter                          |

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... |                        |       |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable              | Expiration Date        | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 12.54   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2009   | 01/29/2018  | Common Stock                  | 3,000 <sup>(3)</sup>   |       |                            |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2008   | 01/29/2017  | Common Stock                  | 2,000 <sup>(4)</sup>   |       |                            |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.55   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2007   | 02/22/2016  | Common Stock                  | 2,000 <sup>(5)</sup>   |       |                            |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.57   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/17/2004   | 07/17/2013  | Common Stock                  | 160,000 <sup>(6)</sup> |       |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FEKETE FRANK L<br>830 BERGEN AVENUE<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of  
Attorney

05/12/2010

\_\_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) Shares held by wife as trustee of a trust for her grandmother.
- (2) Shares held by a custodian for a retirement account f/b/o the reporting person.
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.
- (6) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.

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