

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
01/29/2009

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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	01/29/2009		F	317 D \$ 11.36	5,674	D	
Common Stock					401	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 1
Common Stock					602	I	By Wife as Cust. for Son 2
Common Stock					9,910 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
					4,764	I	By ESOP

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Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

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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. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					Date Exercisable: 01/29/2009 Expiration Date: 01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,030 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					Date Exercisable: 01/29/2008 Expiration Date: 01/29/2017	Common Stock	9,797 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					Date Exercisable: 02/22/2007 Expiration Date: 02/22/2016	Common Stock	3,000 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					Date Exercisable: 07/17/2004 Expiration Date: 07/17/2013	Common Stock	40,000 (5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

EVP/CIO of The Provident Bank

## Signatures

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

01/30/2009

\_\_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) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (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.

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