KUNTZ JOHN F Form 4 February 07, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KUNTZ JOHN F			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) 830 BERGEN	(First) AVENUE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2011	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Below) General Counsel & Secretary		
JERSEY CITY	(Street) , NJ 07306		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	02/03/2011		F	921	D	\$ 14.78	35,446	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2011		A	4,813 (7)	A	\$ 0	40,259	D	
Common Stock							500	I	By Wife's IRA
Common Stock							8,620	I	By ESOP

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	7,780 (1)	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	5,640 (2)	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,698 (3)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.87					09/21/2007	09/21/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (4)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (5)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	80,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KUNTZ JOHN F 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

General Counsel & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ John F. 02/04/2011 Kuntz

Date

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**Signature of Reporting Person

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 February 3, 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 on September 21, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on March 23, 2011.
- (6) Stock options have fully vested.
- (7) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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