

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
FULMER JAMES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP [TMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 460
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/19/2011

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

ITHACA, NY 14851

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/19/2011 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 1,650 A \$ 0 | 55,572 | D | |

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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights (SAR) | \$ 37 | 08/19/2011 | | A | 5,250 | (2) 08/19/2021 | Common Stock | 5,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FULMER JAMES W TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P O BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ James W. Fulmer 08/23/2011

**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).
- Restricted Stock was granted pursuant to the Tompkins Financial Corporation 2009 Equity Plan. Restricted Stock grants have a seven (1) year vesting schedule with 0% vesting in year one, 17% vesting in years two through six, and 15% vesting in year seven. The grant will expire ten years from the date of the grant.
- Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) were granted pursuant to the Tompkins Financial Corporation 2009 Equity Plan. SARs have a seven (2) year vesting schedule with 0% vesting in year one, 17% vesting in years two through six, and 15% vesting in year seven. When exercised, the SARs will be settled in Common Stock of the Company. The grant will expire ten years from the date of the grant.
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