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

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 Addres Person <u>*</u> Zaeske Mark		rting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Discover Financial Services [DFS]				
(Last) (Fi	,	(Middle)	07/27/2009	4. Relationshi Person(s) to I	ip of Reporting ssuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
	reet)			Director X Officer (give title below	all applicable) 10% ( Other w) (specify belo f Accounting O	Owner ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (St	tate)	(Zip)	Table I -	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)	of Securities v Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	1	
Common Stock			0		D	Â		
Reminder: Report on owned directly or inc	directly. Persons informa	s who resp tion conta	ch class of securities benefic bond to the collection of ined in this form are no	r s. F	EC 1473 (7-02	)		
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Table	II - Deriv	ative Secur	ities Beneficially Owned (	e.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, co	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
			Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Form of		(Instr. 5)
					Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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(I) (Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zaeske Mark Alan 2500 LAKE COOK ROAD RIVERWOODS, IL 60015		Â	Â	SVP & Chief Accounting Officer	Â			
Signatures								
/s/ Mark A. Zaeske	07/31/200	9						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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