

SPAIN MICHAEL H  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPAIN MICHAEL H

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 460

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ITHACA, NY 14851

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|--|---|----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | (D) | Price  |  |   |                |
| Common Stock Drip               | 03/06/2008                           | Â  | L                              | 52  | A   | \$ 43.1352   | 1,515  | I   | By Rabbi Trust |
| Common Stock Drip               | 04/01/2008                           | Â  | L                              | 64  | A   | \$ 50.7103   | 1,579  | I   | By Rabbi Trust |
|                                 | 07/01/2008                           | Â  | L                              | 86  | A   |  | 1,665  | I   |                |

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|                   |            |   |   |    |   |            |        |   |                |
|-------------------|------------|---|---|----|---|------------|--------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock Drip |            |   |   |    |   | \$ 37,7891 |        |   | By Rabbi Trust |
| Common Stock Drip | 10/01/2008 | Â | L | 66 | A | \$ 49,5498 | 1,731  | I | By Rabbi Trust |
| Common Stock Drip | 11/14/2008 | Â | L | 47 | A | \$ (1)     | 1,778  | I | By Rabbi Trust |
| Common Stock Drip | Â          | Â | Â | Â  | Â | Â          | 7,538  | D | Â              |
| Common Stock      | Â          | Â | Â | Â  | Â | Â          | 37,346 | D | Â              |
| Common Stock      | Â          | Â | Â | Â  | Â | Â          | 76,491 | I | By Partnership |

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se O E Is Fi (I    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPAIN MICHAEL H<br>TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION<br>P O BOX 460<br>ITHACA, NY 14851 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H.  
Spain

02/12/2009

\_\_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) Shares acquired through reinvestment of quarterly cash dividends.

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