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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010 02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,560 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009 01/29/2018	Common Stock	1,060 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008 01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,753 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007 02/22/2016	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	5,000 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.03					07/21/2006 07/21/2015	Common Stock	5,000 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004 07/17/2013	Common Stock	7,000 <u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Christy James A. 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			SVP, CRO of Provident Bank	

Signatures

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

01/31/2012

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

(2) Stock options have fully vested.

(3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section of the Securities Exchange Act of 193, as amended.

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