

Whynott Paul  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Whynott Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SYNCHRONY  
FINANCIAL, 777 LONG RIDGE  
ROAD

(Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Synchrony Financial [SYF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
See remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/01/2018		A		9,186 (1) \$ 33.53	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2018		F		1,503 (3) \$ 33.53	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)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.53	04/01/2018		A	17,207	<u>(4)</u> 04/01/2028	Common Stock 17,207

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whynott Paul C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL 777 LONG RIDGE ROAD STAMFORD, CT 06902			See remarks	

## Signatures

/s/ Danielle Do as attorney in fact  
04/03/2018  
\*\*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) Represents restricted stock units that will vest in five equal annual installments of 20% each, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Synchrony Financial (the "Company") common stock.
  - (2) The total reported in Column 5 has been adjusted downward by 293 shares to reflect dividend equivalent units that were inadvertently previously reported as restricted stock units.
  - (3) Reflects the number of shares of Company common stock withheld by the Company to pay the tax liability of the reporting person in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.
  - (4) The reporting person was awarded 17,207 employee stock options on April 1, 2018, which vest in five equal annual installments of 20% each, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

### Remarks:

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Executive Vice President, Chief Risk Officer

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