

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/
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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 *
COULTER DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 N. WALL STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2014

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

SPOKANE, WA 99201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	04/18/2014		J ⁽¹⁾		6,981	D ⁽¹⁾ / ₍₂₎	0	D
Common Stock	04/18/2014		J ⁽¹⁾		12,948,107	D ⁽¹⁾	0 ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	I ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Common Stock and Warrants held by WPX.

- Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Exchange Act, Mr. David A. Coulter herein states that this filing shall not be deemed an admission that he is the beneficial owner of any of the shares of Common Stock or the Warrant covered by this Statement. Mr. Coulter disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Stock and the Warrant, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such Common Stock or Warrant.
- (5) Nonqualified stock options of Sterling disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger. Each Sterling stock option will be converted into an option to purchase Umpqua common stock per the equity award exchange ratio as referred to in the Agreement and Plan of Merger.
 - (6) Exercise price, as adjusted for certain issuances of common stock, stock splits, stock subdivisions, stock reclassifications, stock combinations, other distributions, certain repurchases, business combinations and similar actions.
 - (7) As provided in the Merger Agreement, the Warrant was automatically converted, as of the effective time of the merger (the "Effective Time"), into a warrant exercisable for the Merger Consideration that the Sterling common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrant immediately prior to the Effective Time would have been entitled to receive upon completion of the merger.
 - (8) Represents warrants of the Issuer owned by the following entities which were converted in connection with the merger: 1,434,235 by WP Private Equity X and 45,884 by WP X Partners.
 - (9)

Remarks:

Relationship of Reporting Person (David A. Coulter) to Issuer is "Director" and "10% Owner".

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