

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
BOYCE DAVID S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP [TMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, Pres. & CEO Tompkins Ins.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 460
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/24/2015

ITHACA, NY 14851

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	11/24/2015		M	V	9,350	A	\$ 41.71	27,512	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2015		F		1,043 (1)	D	\$ 61.46	26,469	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2015		F		6,346 (2)	D	\$ 61.46	20,123	D	
Common Stock								505.723	I	by 401(k)/ISOP
Common Stock								1,761.08	I	by ESOP

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights (SAR)	\$ 41.7091	11/24/2015		M	9,350	(3) 09/17/2019	Common Stock	9,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOYCE DAVID S TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P O BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851			EVP, Pres. & CEO Tompkins Ins.	

Signatures

/s/ David S. Boyce 11/25/2015

**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 withheld for taxes
- (2) Deemed disposition of shares to issuer to satisfy exercise price.

Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) were granted pursuant to the Tompkins Financial Corporation 2009 Equity Plan. SARs have a seven year vesting schedule with 0% vesting in year one, 17% vesting in years two through six, and 15% vesting in year seven. When exercised, the SARs will be settled in Common Stock of the Company. The grant will expire ten years from the date of the grant.

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