

Fessenden Daniel J.  
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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 \*  
Fessenden Daniel J.

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. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2011

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

C/O TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 460

(Street)

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

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

ITHACA, NY 14851

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/03/2011	A		238		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	238	\$ 40.2
Phantom Stock	(1)	04/08/2011	A		163		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	163	\$ 41.80
Phantom Stock	(1)	07/08/2011	A		172		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	172	\$ 39.64
Phantom Stock	(1)	10/06/2011	A		182		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	182	\$ 37.341

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fessenden Daniel J. C/O TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851	X			

## Signatures

/s/Daniel J. Fessenden  
 10/10/2011  
 \*\*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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Phantom stock represents deferred stock compensation under the Amended and Restated Retainer Plan for Eligible Directors of Tompkins Financial Corporation and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries. These shares are held in a rabbi trust pending distribution upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Plan. The reporting person has no voting or investment power over the shares prior to such distribution.
- (2) Includes 673 shares of phantom stock held in the rabbi trust referenced in note (1) above that were previously reported as "Common Stock Drip" shares in Table I in the reporting person's Form 5 filed on February 10, 2011. The reporting person intends to report all such shares of phantom stock in Table II in future reports. Also includes 27 shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment with respect to such phantom stock pursuant to the issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase and Sale Plan since the date of the last report filed by the reporting person and held in the rabbi trust.

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