SALM THOMAS R

Form 4

February 26, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SALM THOMAS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP

[TMP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director

below)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 460

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/25/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ITHACA, NY 14851

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 8) Ownership or Indirect Following (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D) Code V Amount Common P 02/25/2009 D 02/25/2009 2,000 3,488 Stock - Ira 40.0395

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)

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amount Underly Securiti	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SALM THOMAS R TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P O BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851

Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. 02/25/2009 Salm

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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