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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC Form 4 August 31, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NOVIELLI JACK Issuer Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [PFS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 239 WASHINGTON STREET 08/30/2016 EVP and CIO of Provident Bank (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/30/2016 Μ 1,766 А \$10.4 14,488 D Stock Common 08/30/2016 9,797 \$17.94 D Μ Α 24,285 Stock Common 08/30/2016 \$ 12.54 D Μ 4,030 Α 28,315 Stock Common \$ 21.535 28,215 08/30/2016 S 100 D D Stock Common 08/30/2016 S 114 D \$21.53 D 28,101 Stock

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Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.525	28,001	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.52	27,901	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.515	27,801	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	311	D	\$ 21.51	27,490	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	200	D	\$ 21.505	27,290	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.5025	27,190	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	3,412	D	\$ 21.5	23,778	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	1,107	D	\$ 21.49	22,671	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	1,156	D	\$ 21.48	21,515	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	300	D	\$ 21.475	21,215	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.4725	21,115	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	5,632	D	\$ 21.47	15,483	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	401	D	\$ 21.465	15,082	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	1,893	D	\$ 21.46	13,189	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	100	D	\$ 21.455	13,089	D	
Common Stock	08/30/2016	S	367	D	\$ 21.45	12,722	D	
Common Stock						10,262 <u>(1)</u>	I	By ESOP
Common Stock						18,383 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401(k)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 3 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.4	08/30/2016		М		1,766	02/03/2012	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,766
Stock Options	\$ 17.94	08/30/2016		М		9,797	01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	9,797
Stock Options	\$ 12.54	08/30/2016		М		4,030	01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,030

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other				
NOVIELLI JACK 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			EVP and CIO of Provident Bank					
Signatures								
/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney			08/31/2016					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting 1	Person		Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(2) Stock options have fully vested.

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