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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(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 McCammon Peter Kent Issuer Symbol PORTFOLIO RECOVERY (Check all applicable) ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 140 CORPORATE BLVD 12/31/2011 Pres.-Rev Enhancement Services (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 NORFOLK, VA 23502 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 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/31/2011 $A^{(1)}$ 2,605 A \$0 9,828 D Stock Common 12/31/2011 F 420 D \$0 9,408 D

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCammon Peter Kent 140 CORPORATE BLVD NORFOLK, VA 23502

Pres.-Rev Enhancement Services

Signatures

/s/ Peter K.

McCammon 01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Date

Person

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These shares were awarded pursuant to the Company's 2010 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan ("LTI Plan") in which the reporting person was granted both performance based and time vested restricted shares. The shares reported on this form represent the shares earned under the Earnings Per Share performance category as outlined in the Proxy Statement filed by Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc. on April 27, 2011.

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