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1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer ROSSIDES EUGENE T Symbol STERLING BANCORP [stl] (Check all applicable) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 12/31/2010 below) below) 650 FIFTH AVENUE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Stock

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(check applicable line)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 4. Securities Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Â Â Â Â Â Â 7,000 (1) D

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
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 3. Transaction Date
 3A. Deemed
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 6. Date Exercisable and
 7. Title and Amo

 Derivative
 Conversion
 (Month/Day/Year)
 Execution Date, if
 Transaction
 Number
 Expiration Date
 Underlying Secu

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Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security			any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sha
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2007(2)	06/30/2011	Common Stock	4,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROSSIDES EUGENE T 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

Eugene T.
Rossides

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25%,
- (1) 25%, 25% and 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disability and change in control. The restricted shares were issued on March 25, 2010 and are not transferable until vested.
- (2) Non-employee directors were granted options for shares of common stock under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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