

Knowlton Warren D
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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 *
Knowlton Warren D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC
[AMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2011

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

GENERAL COUNSEL'S
OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE
FINANCIAL CENTER

(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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | 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)

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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. Number of 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock (Annual) <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | 08/03/2011 | | A | 285.009 | <u>(3)</u> / <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 285.009 |
| Phantom Stock (Retainer Deferral) | <u>(2)</u> | 08/03/2011 | | A | 498.765 | <u>(4)</u> / <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 498.765 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knowlton Warren D
GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE
1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER X
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

Signatures

/s/ Susan M. Beltz for Warren D. 08/05/2011
Knowlton

__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) The grant is made pursuant to a \$15,000 increase in the value of the annual equity grant approved by the Board of Directors, effective as of July 1, 2011.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. common stock.
- (3) Upon ceasing to be a non-employee director of Ameriprise Financial, Inc., the reporting director will receive common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in settlement of the reporting director's deferred share units on a one-for-one basis in a lump sum at the end of the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the reporting director's termination of service on the Board of Directors occurs.
- (4) Distribution of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. Deferred Stock Units are made in accordance with distribution elections made by the plan participants in the manner permitted by Ameriprise Financial Deferred Share Plan for Directors.

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