

CRACCHIOLO JAMES M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M

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)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S  
OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE  
FINANCIAL CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2012

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/14/2012		M		54,466	A	\$ 32.5871
Common Stock	08/14/2012		S		48,625	D	\$ 54.4545 (1)
Common Stock	08/15/2012		M		45,534	A	\$ 32.5871
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S		40,654	D	\$ 54.4162

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Common Stock	08/16/2012	M	32,000	A	<sup>(2)</sup> \$ 32.5871	271,469	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2012	S	28,560	D	\$ 54.5347	242,909	D	
Common Stock						1,339.02	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(4)</sup>

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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.5871	08/14/2012		M	54,466	09/30/2005 01/23/2015	Common Stock	54,466	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.5871	08/15/2012		M	45,534	09/30/2005 01/23/2015	Common Stock	45,534	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.5871	08/16/2012		M	32,000	09/30/2009 01/23/2015	Common Stock	32,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE 1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. Moore for James M.  
Cracchiolo

08/16/2012

\_\_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) Reflects the weighted average price of 48,625 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 14, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.40 to \$54.52 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 40,654 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 15, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.40 to \$54.46 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Reflects the weighted average price of 28,560 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 16, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$54.50 to \$54.72 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) Estimate of the number of shares held in the reporting person's account in the Ameriprise Financial Stock Fund under the Ameriprise Financial 401(k) plan as of February 6, 2012. This plan uses unit accounting and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the price of Ameriprise stock.

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