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OMB APPROVAL OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 January 31, Expires: 2005 Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL burden hours per **OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** 1.0 response... 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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Symbol

STERLING BANCORP [STL]

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check al	l applicable)
650 FIFTH A	AVENUE	、 <i>,</i>	(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012	X Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/	Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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(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. Securi Acquirec Disposec (Instr. 3, Amount	l (A) c l of (D))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	40,080	D	Â

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	of

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/ Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	D Se O Ei Is Fi (It	
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Add	ress	Relationships						
		10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ABRAMS ROBERT 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 1001		Â	Â	Â				
Signatures								
Robert Abrams	01/23/2013							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

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