

First Financial Northwest, Inc.
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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 *
 Kohlwes Gary F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Northwest, Inc.
 [FFNW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/19/2016

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

201 WELLS AVENUE SOUTH

(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

RENTON, WA 98057

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/19/2016		M	60,000 A \$ 9.78	173,742	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/19/2016		F	40,496 D \$ 14.49	133,246	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value					9,000	I ⁽²⁾	For Grand-children

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.78	10/19/2016		M	60,000	⁽³⁾ 07/13/2018	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kohlwes Gary F 201 WELLS AVENUE SOUTH RENTON, WA 98057		X		

Signatures

/s/Gary F. Kohlwes
10/19/2016
**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) Includes 2,342 shares of restricted stock awarded pursuant to the First Financial Northwest, Inc. 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, 41,400 shares held in an IRA and 25,000 shares held by spouse.
- (2) Shares held by reporting person for grandchildren pursuant to the Washington Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.
- (3) Vested in equal installments of 20% per year beginning on July 3, 2009 and ending on July 3, 2013.

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