

People's United Financial, Inc.
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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 *
Mandel Henry R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
People's United Financial, Inc.
[PBCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK, 850
MAIN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP

BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2009 | | A | 9,173 (1) | \$ 0 | 264,622 (2) | 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)

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Option to Buy | \$ 16.575 | 01/22/2009 | | A | 21,309 | (3) 01/22/2019 | Common Stock 21,309 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mandel Henry R PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK 850 MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604 | | | Exec. VP | |

Signatures

/s/ Henry R. Mandel 01/26/2009

__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) These are restricted shares that vest in annual increments on 2/1/11 (50%); 2/1/12 (25%); and 2/1/13 (25%).
- (2) Includes 593 shares owned indirectly through the People's United Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (including 15 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment). Information is based on 12/31/08 Plan statement.
- (3) Exercisable in annual increments on 2/1/11 (50%); 2/1/12 (25%); and 2/1/13 (25%).

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