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OMB APPROVAL OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations **OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction 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 Transactions 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer FELDESMAN WALTER Symbol STERLING BANCORP [STL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 12/31/2007 below) below) 650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH

(Street)

(State)

(Zin)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

(City)	(State) (A	Table	e I - Non-Deriv	vative Sec	uritie	s Acqui	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount	l (A) o l of (D 4 and (A) or)	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	09/26/2007	Â	G	35	D	\$0	16,631	D	Â
Common Stock	10/11/2007	Â	G	50	D	\$0	16,581	D	Â
Common Stock	10/16/2007	Â	G	65	D	\$0	16,516	D	Â
Common Stock	12/18/2007	Â	G	80	D	\$0	16,436	D	Â

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Common	12/21/2007	â	G	30	Л	\$0	16,406	D	â	
Stock	12/21/2007	A	U	30	D	φU	10,400	D	A	

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)	Number				7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sha
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 17.73	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2004 <u>(1)</u>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	4,
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 18.78	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/31/2004(1)	07/31/2008	Common Stock	4,
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.93	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2005 <u>(1)</u>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	4,
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.41	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/30/2005 <u>(1)</u>	07/30/2009	Common Stock	4,
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 20.34	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/19/2005 <u>(2)</u>	06/30/2010	Common Stock	4,
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2007 <u>(3)</u>	06/30/2011	Common Stock	4,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships
Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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FELDESMAN WAI 650 FIFTH AVENU 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NYA	Ê Â X	Â	Â	Â
Signatures				
/s/ Feldesman, Walter	02/07/2008			

<u>**</u>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) Transfer of shares acquired by exercise of non-qualified stock options is restricted to even installments over a four year period commencing on the first anniversary of the grant.

On December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors voted to accelerate the vesting and exercisability of any outstanding unvested and
 (2) unexercisable non-qualified stock options held by non-employee directors, effective as of December 19, 2005; provided, however, that transfer of shares acquired by such exercise is restricted until the date that the option would have been exercisable prior to such change.

(3) Non-employee directors were granted options for 4,753 shares of common stock pursuant to the final grant under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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