STERLING BANCORP Form 8-K February 08, 2007

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 7, 2007

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 13-2565216

(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

10019-6108

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 757- 3300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code) N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c)

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 7, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing a conference call to be held on February 9, 2007 at 10:00 am to discuss its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2006. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 7, 2007 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: February 8, 2007

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release dated February 7, 2007