

Clemmens Robert T
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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 *
 Clemmens Robert T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL,
 INC., 500 BOYLSTON STREET,
 SUITE 1250

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NewStar Financial, Inc. [NEWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 05/19/2010 | | A | (1) | 250,000 | A | \$ 0 534,839 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)

| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Clemmens Robert T C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC. 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1250 BOSTON, MA 02116 | | | Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel K. Crowley as attorney-in-fact for Robert T. Clemmens 05/21/2010

**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).
- Represents restricted shares of the Issuer's Common Stock granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. 100% of the award will vest on 5/19/13 if (1) the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Issuer on 5/19/13, and (2) either (i) the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of the Issuer's common stock for the period beginning on the first day following the release (1) of its fourth quarter earnings results for the 2012 fiscal year and ending on the three-year anniversary of the Issue Date (the "Measurement Period") meets or exceeds \$7.88 or (ii) both (x) the VWAP of the Issuer's common stock for the Measurement Period is less than \$7.88 per share but greater than or equal to \$7.00 per share and (y) the Issuer's book value per share at March 31, 2013 is greater than or equal to the Company's book value on March 31, 2010 (calculated on a pro-forma basis to reflect all awards).

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