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(City)	(State)	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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and	Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	or (D)	Price	4)		
Common Stock	09/17/2013	Â	J	154 (1)	A	\$ 21.18	1,826,951	D	Â
Common Stock	09/17/2013	Â	J	154 (1)	D	\$ 21.18	4,334	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	10/04/2013	Â	G	168,693	D	\$0	1,658,258	D	Â
Common	10/04/2013	Â	G	93,765	D	\$0	1,564,493	D	Â

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Common Stock	10/04/2013	Â	G	93,765	A	\$0	93,765	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	12/31/2013	Â	A	1,307	A	\$0	5,641	I	By ESOP

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 Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips						
- U	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NOBLE DAVID J 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	ÂX	Â	Executive Chairman	Â			

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 02/04/2014

**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) ESOP shares distributed to filer.

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