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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund [ACP] Thompson Darren (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AVENUE INCOME (Check all applicable) **CREDIT STRATEGIES** FUND. 399 PARK AVENUE. Director 10% Owner **6TH FLOOR** Officer _X_ Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Trustee Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 6. Nature of Indirect 5. Securities Underlying Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Conversion (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Darren

C/O AVENUE INCOME CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND 399 PARK AVENUE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Darren Thompson

01/19/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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