SALM THOMAS R

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SALM THOMAS R Issuer Symbol TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [TMP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) TOMPKINS FINANCIAL 10/28/2008 CORPORATION, P O BOX 460 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ITHACA, NY 14851 (City) (State) (Zip) tivo Commities Assuring

(City)	(511110)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	3.	4. Securities		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or				Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)		Reported				
					or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIISu. 3 and 4)			
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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year)			Under	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

SALM THOMAS R TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P O BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851



Signatures

Thomas R. Salm 10/28/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) Bona fide gift to spouse.
- (2) Bona fide gift from spouse.

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