GATES REEDER D

Form 5

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FORM 5

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Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GATES REEDER D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP [TMP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, PO BOX 460							
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting					

ITHACA, NYÂ 14851

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(check applicable line)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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) (A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock Drip	03/06/2008	Â	L	87	A	\$ 43.1352	3,881	I	By Rabbi Trust	
Common Stock Drip	04/01/2008	Â	L	117	A	\$ 50.7103	3,998	I	By Rabbi Trust	
Common Stock Drip	07/01/2008	Â	L	136	A	\$ 37.7891	4,134	I	By Rabbi Trust	
	10/01/2008	Â	L	104	A		4,238	I		

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Common Stock Drip					\$ 49.5498			By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock Drip 11/14/2008	Â	L	118	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	4,356	I	By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock Drip 11/14/2008	Â	L	247	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	8,666	D	Â
Common Stock Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,180	D	Â
Common Stock Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,910	I	By Spouse
Common Stock - Ira Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	100,534	D	Â

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)

 Title of 	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
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TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION	λv	â	Â	â		
PO BOX 400	АЛ	A	A	A		
ITHACA, NY 14851						

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Signatures

Reeder D. Gates 02/11/2009

**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) Shares acquired through reinvestment of quarterly cash dividends.

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