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ALEXANDER JUNE Form 4 August 26, 2010 FORM 4 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 5 obligations may continue.												
(Print or Type Responses)												
1. Name and Add ALEXANDE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP [TMP]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) TOMPKINS	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2010						X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
ITHACA, NY	(Street) 7 14851	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				e Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	- I - Nor	1-De	rivative S	ecuri	ties A <i>c</i> r	quired, Disposed o	f or Beneficia	llv Owned	
		Transaction Date 2A. Dee onth/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/			actio 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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	
Common Stock	08/24/2010			Code P	V	Amount 598	(D) A	Price \$ 36	21,797	D		
Common Stock	08/25/2010			Р		1,402	А	\$ 36	23,199	D		
Common Stock	08/26/2010			L	V	849	A	<u>(1)</u>	24,048	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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno 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
10% Owner Officer

Other

ALEXANDER JOHN E TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION PO BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851

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Director

Signatures

/s/John E. 08/26/2010 Alexander

<u>**</u>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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