

Tewes Timothy  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Tewes Timothy

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
121 SOUTH 13TH STREET, SUITE 201  
(Street)

LINCOLN, NE 68508

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NELNET INC [NNI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2009		A		32,359 (1) \$ 0	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2009		F		10,882 (3) \$ 4.65 (4)	D	
Class A Common Stock					1,337 (5)	I	By 401(k) plan

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 Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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
Tewes Timothy 121 SOUTH 13TH STREET SUITE 201 LINCOLN, NE 68508			Executive Director	

## Signatures

/s/ William J. Munn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy Tewes  
 Date: 03/11/2009

\_\_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) Issued pursuant to the issuer's Restricted Stock Plan, as personal production incentive compensation paid in stock, which the reporting person became entitled to receive on March 9, 2009.
- (2) Includes 3,784 shares issued pursuant to the issuer's Employee Share Purchase Plan, which reflects the acquisition of a total of 2,059 shares under the Employee Share Purchase Plan since February 25, 2008.
- (3) Shares that were tax-withheld by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligation resulting from the March 9, 2009 award by the issuer of 32,359 shares of bonus compensation stock.
- (4) Per share value assigned by the issuer to the tax withholding shares under the tax withholding arrangement, and based on the market closing price of the shares as of March 3, 2009.

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(5) The reporting person has acquired a total of 878 shares under the issuer's 401(k) plan since February 25, 2008.

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