CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSTON STEVEN J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[CINF]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/13/2015

President & CEO

6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD

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

Person

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

44,661

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of iorDerivative 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 52.25 | 02/13/2015 | | A | 13,573 | 02/13/2016(1) | 02/13/2025 | Common Stock | 13,5 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/13/2015 | | A | 27,146 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 27,1 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/13/2015 | | A | 905 | <u>(3)</u> | (3) | Common Stock | 90: |
| Phantom Stock Shares | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 70,7 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| JOHNSTON STEVEN J 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141 | X | | President & CEO | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven J
Johnston

**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) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest March 1, 2018, as set forth in the grant agreement, if performance goals are met. The number of restricted stock units shown is the maximum number of such units that may vest.

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- (3) The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments on March 1, as set forth in the grant agreement, if service requirements are met.
 - The reported phantom stock shares were acquired under the company's Top Hat Savings Plan, an "Excess Benefits Plan" within the
- (4) meaning of Rule 16b-3(b)(2), and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. The reporting person may transfer the value of his phantom stock shares into an alternative investment selection within the plan.

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