

STERLING BANCORP

Form 4

February 22, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROSSIDES EUGENE T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STERLING BANCORP [STL]

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

02/14/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/14/2007		S		4,700	D	\$ 19.01
Common Stock	02/15/2007		S		12,000	D	\$ 18.75
Common Stock	02/16/2007		S		2,182	D	\$ 18.65

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 18.91					06/28/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 06/28/2007	Common Stock 9,600
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 18.78					07/31/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 07/31/2008	Common Stock 4,573
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.93					06/30/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 06/30/2009	Common Stock 4,723
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.41					07/30/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 07/30/2009	Common Stock 4,573
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 15.82					07/31/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 07/31/2007	Common Stock 4,573
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 20.34					12/19/2005 ⁽²⁾ 06/30/2010	Common Stock 4,723
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.5					06/30/2007 ⁽³⁾ 06/30/2011	Common Stock 4,723
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 17.73					06/30/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 06/30/2008	Common Stock 4,723

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

ROSSIDES EUGENE T
650 FIFTH AVENUE
4TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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Signatures

/s/ Rossides,
Eugene T

02/22/2007

__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) Transfer of shares acquired by exercise of non-qualified stock options is restricted to even installments over a four year period commencing on the first anniversary of the grant.

On December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors voted to accelerate the vesting and exercisability of any outstanding unvested and
- (2) unexercisable non-qualified stock options held by non-employee directors, effective as of December 19, 2005; provided, however, that transfer of shares acquired by such exercise is restricted until the date that the option would have been exercisable prior to such change.
- (3) Non-employee directors were granted options for 4,753 shares of common stock pursuant to the final grant under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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