

Conway Timothy J
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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 *
Conway Timothy J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NewStar Financial, Inc. [NEWS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL,
INC., 500 BOYLSTON STREET,
SUITE 1600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA 02116

(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)	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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/11/2009		A	(1)	125,000	A	\$ 0 959,703 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/13/2009		F	(2)	22,809	D	\$ 2.84 936,894 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01					158,210	I	By Timothy J. Conway

per share

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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 (Instr. 3)
				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
Conway Timothy J C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC. 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600 BOSTON, MA 02116	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ John K. Bray as attorney-in-fact for Timothy J. Conway
12/15/2009

__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) Represents shares of restricted stock of the Issuer's Common Stock granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. The shares of restricted stock vest in their entirety on December 11, 2012.
- (2) Represents a portion of shares of restricted stock previously granted by the Issuer that were forfeited to pay withholding taxes upon vesting on December 13, 2009.

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