ZIMMERMAN STEWART

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZIMMERMAN STEWART

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350

(Zip)

01/04/2013

below) Chairman and CEO

PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

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

Amount

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

Common

per share

Stock, par 01/02/2013 value \$0.01

Α

12,331 \$0 Α 740,711 D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. 6. Date Exercisable ar onNumber of Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

ZIMMERMAN STEWART C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

X

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/Stewart

Zimmerman 01/04/2013

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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