

PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.  
 Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BEST CRAIG W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. [PFIS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2016**

**C/O PEOPLES SECURITY BANK & TRUST CO., 150 N WASHINGTON AVE**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

**SCRANTON, PA 18503**

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2016	^	P	102.531 A	\$ 0 (1) 1,026.598	I	PSB&T Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^ 0.356 (2)	D	^

Common Stock    Â                      Â                      Â                      Â                      Â    17,226    I                      IRA

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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
(A) (D)			

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer                      Other

BEST CRAIG W  
C/O PEOPLES SECURITY BANK & TRUST CO.  
150 N WASHINGTON AVE  
SCRANTON, PA 18503

Â X                      Â                      Â President & CEO    Â

## Signatures

Carla Olenchak, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig W Best

02/14/2017

\_\_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 an allocation of shares under the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

(2) Balance includes an aggregate of 0.356 shares acquired by the reporting person through dividend reinvestment under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

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