

People's United Financial, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Trautmann Robert E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 People's United Financial, Inc.
 [PBCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK, 850
 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/22/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec. VP & GC

BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2009 | | A | V Amount 8,993 (1) | \$ 0 47,598 (2) | 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. 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Option to Buy | \$ 16.575 | 01/22/2009 | | A | 20,891 | (3) | 01/22/2019 | Common Stock | 20,891 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Trautmann Robert E PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK 850 MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604 | | | Exec. VP & GC | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Trautmann
01/23/2009
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These are restricted shares that vest in annual increments on 2/1/11 (50%); 2/1/12 (25%); and 2/1/13 (25%).
Includes 2,161 shares owned indirectly through the People's United Bank 401(k) Plan (including 18 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment). Also includes 242 investment units accrued under the People's United Bank excess benefits plan and 574 shares owned indirectly through the People's United Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Information is based on 12/31/08 Plan statements.
- (3) Exercisable in annual increments on 2/1/11 (50%); 2/1/12 (25%); and 2/1/13 (25%).

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