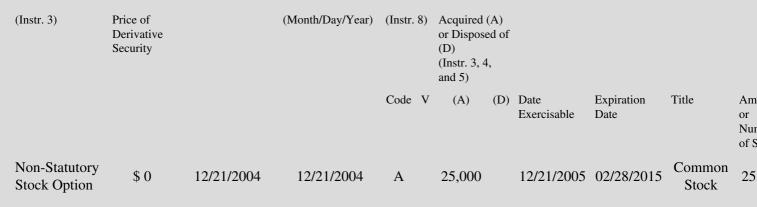
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Form 5 obligation may contin <i>See</i> Instruct 1(b).	s Section 17(response 0.5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								
(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> STANLEY HEIDI B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
							(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004			Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President Sterl				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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1.Title of 2	2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)	-	ed Date, if	3.	4. Securiti nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	es (A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect	
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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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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STANLEY HEIDI B 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201-			Executive Vice President Sterl			
Signatures						

William R. 12/23/2004 Basom **Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). *

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