

Tewes Timothy  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Tewes Timothy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NELNET INC [NNI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
121 SOUTH 13TH STREET, SUITE 201

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Director

(Street)  
LINCOLN, NE 68508

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		A		6,464 (1) \$ 0	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		F		2,118 (3) \$ 26.69 (4)	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		A		5,621 (5) (1) \$ 0	D	
Class A Common					3,164 (6)	I	By 401(k) plan

Stock

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tewes Timothy 121 SOUTH 13TH STREET SUITE 201 LINCOLN, NE 68508			Executive Director	

## Signatures

/s/ Angie R. Miller, Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy Tewes  
Date: 03/13/2012

\*\*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) Issued pursuant to the issuer's Restricted Stock Plan, as personal production incentive compensation paid in stock, which the reporting person became entitled to receive on March 9, 2012.
- (2) Includes 1,492 shares issued pursuant to the issuer's Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- (3) Shares that were tax-withheld by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligation resulting from the March 9, 2012 award by the issuer of 6,464 shares of bonus compensation stock.

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- (4) Per share value assigned by the issuer to the tax withholding shares under the tax withholding arrangement, and based on the average of the high and low market sales prices of the shares on February 29, 2012.
- (5) Shares of restricted stock awarded by the issuer pursuant to the issuer's Restricted Stock Plan. Such shares are subject to vesting provisions.
- (6) The reporting person has acquired a total of 489 shares under the issuer's 401(k) plan since March 15, 2011.

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