

Poitras Thomas M
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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 *
 Poitras Thomas M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TRUSTCO BANK CORP N Y [TRST]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY, 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/15/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 VP & ASSISTANT SECRETARY

GLENVILLE, NY 12302

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/15/2011 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 2,500 A \$ 0 | 32,636 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 4,889 | I | BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| OPTION: RT-TO-BUY | \$ 5.14 | 11/15/2011 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 10,000 | 11/15/2011 11/15/2021 | COMMON 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Poitras Thomas M C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE GLENVILLE, NY 12302 | | | VP & ASSISTANT SECRETARY | |

Signatures

ROBERT T. CUSHING, BY POWER OF ATTORNEY
11/17/2011

__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) THE REPORTED TRANSACTION INVOLVES AN AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK ISSUED UNDER THE 2010 EQUITY PLAN.
- (2) ADDITIONAL SHARES ACQUIRED BY REPORTING PERSON'S PARTICIPATION IN DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND/OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN WITH DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT FEATURE.
- (3) GRANT TO REPORTING PERSON OF OPTION TO BUY 10,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AS OF 11/15/2011 DATE OF GRANT.

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