

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEWIS W WALKER**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S  
 OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE  
 FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC  
 [AMP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/25/2012**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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)	Code V	Amount	Price	

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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date
Phantom Stock (Annual)	(1)	04/25/2012		A	2,159.543			(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,159.543

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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## Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. Moore for W. Walker  
Lewis

04/27/2012

         \*\*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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. common stock.

Upon ceasing to be a non-employee director of Ameriprise Financial, Inc., the reporting director will receive common stock of

- (2) Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in settlement of the reporting director's deferred share units on a one-for-one basis in a lump sum at the end of the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the reporting director's termination of service on the Board of Directors occurs.

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