

WITKOWSKI JOHN JOSEPH
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â WITKOWSKI JOHN JOSEPH | | | (Month/Day/Year) | FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 220 LIBERTY STREET | | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| WARSAW,Â NYÂ 14569 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | Senior Vice President | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 9,500 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 1,024 ⁽¹⁾ | I | held in 401K plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 07/26/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 07/26/2016 | Common Stock | 1,650 | \$ 19.75 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 07/25/2008 ⁽³⁾ | 07/25/2017 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 19.41 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/07/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ | 09/07/2015 | Common Stock | 7,450 | \$ 17.8 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WITKOWSKI JOHN JOSEPH 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569 | Â | Â | Â Senior Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for John J. Witkowski

05/14/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Held under 401(K) as of 5/6/2009
- (2) Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2007.
- (3) Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 25, 2008.
- (4) Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on September 7, 2006.

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