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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SWETS LARRY G JR

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [KFS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify

Chief Executive Officer

(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2017

X_ Officer (give title below)

KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC., 150 PIERCE

ROAD, SUITE 600

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

03/31/2017

Code V Amount (D) Price \$ P 352

 $2,080,380^{(1)}$

5.916

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(1)						
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
copound of the common transfer	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SWETS LARRY G JR KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. 150 PIERCE ROAD, SUITE 600 ITASCA, IL 60143	X		Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

Larry G. Swets,
Jr.

**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) Total reflects one-for-four share consolidation effected by the Company on July 3, 2012.
- (2) Includes 1,382,665 restricted common shares under the 2013 Incentive Plan, approved by shareholders in May 2013.

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- (1) Represents restricted stock units which automatically convert to Common Stock upon the vesting of such units on a one-to-one basis.
- (2) Expiration date not applicable.
- (3) The award will vest based on total shareholder return ("TSR") to the Company's shareholders during the performance period beginning January 21, 2015 and ending January 21, 2017. The number of units that will vest will be based on the Company's relative TSR compared to the TSR of the Russell 1000 Index, using the 90 day trading average before the start and end of the performance period. 85,826 units

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will vest if the Company's TSR is at or above the 75th percentile of the index; 57,218 units if the Company's TSR is at or above the median of the index; 28,609 units if the Company's TSR is at or above the 35th percentile of the index; 14,305 units if the Company's TSR is at or above the 25th percentile of the index. The actual number of units that vest, based on the Company's TSR relative to the TSR of the index, shall be determined on a pro rata basis using straight line interpolation. Vesting of the award may accelerate based on achievement of certain other performance criteria.

(4) The number of restricted stock units reported represents the maximum number of restricted stock units that may vest.

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