

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
Form 15-12B  
May 01, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Commission File Number: 001-35869

STERLING FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

111 North Wall Street, Spokane, Washington 99201  
(509) 458-3711

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Common Stock, no par value per share  
(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

None

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 15d-6	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: None

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Umpqua Holdings Corporation, as successor to Sterling Financial Corporation, has caused this Certification and Notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: May 1, 2014

Umpqua Holdings Corporation, as successor  
to Sterling Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Steven L. Philpott  
Name: Steven L. Philpott  
Title: Executive Vice  
President, General  
Counsel and  
Secretary

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