

O'Brien Brien M
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FORM 4

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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 *
O'Brien Brien M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TWO PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, 180
N. STETSON AVE, SUITE 5500

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/26/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Head of Asset Management

CHICAGO, IL 60601

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)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	07/26/2012		S	20,000	D	\$ 20.5063 (1)	262,651	D	
Common Stock	07/26/2012		S	433 (2)	D	\$ 20.47	0	I	PJC Retirement Plan
Common Stock	07/27/2012		S	10,000	D	\$ 21.2423 (3)	252,651	D	
Common							32,548	I	Through

Stock

trust for benefit of spouse

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O'Brien Brien M
TWO PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, 180 N. STETSON AVE
SUITE 5500
CHICAGO, IL 60601

Head of Asset Management

Signatures

James L. Chosy for Brien M.
O'Brien

07/30/2012

__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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.40 (1) to \$20.61 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any shareholder of the issuer.

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- (2) Reporting person received a total of 433 shares in February 2011 and 2012 from the Issuer's annual matching contributions to the reporting person's account in the PJC Retirement Plan.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.04

- (3) to \$21.44 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any shareholder of the issuer.

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