

Utton Nicholas  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Utton Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP  
[ETFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2009

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Marketing Officer

C/O E\*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 135 E. 57TH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/13/2009	02/13/2009	F <sup>(1)</sup>	751 D	\$ 1.165	237,209	D
Common Stock	02/13/2009	02/13/2009	F <sup>(2)</sup>	965 D	\$ 1.165	236,244	D
Common Stock	02/15/2009	02/15/2009	F <sup>(3)</sup>	631 D	\$ 1.165	235,613	D
Common Stock	02/15/2009	02/15/2009	F <sup>(4)</sup>	789 D	\$ 1.165	234,824	D

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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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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

Utton Nicholas  
C/O E\*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
135 E. 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

Chief Marketing Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Russell S. Elmer,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2009

\_\_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) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation associated with the vesting of 25% of a grant of restricted stock originally awarded on February 13, 2007.
- (2) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation associated with the vesting of 25% of a grant of restricted stock originally awarded on February 13, 2007.
- (3) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation associated with the vesting of 25% of a grant of restricted stock originally awarded on February 15, 2006.
- (4)

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Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation associated with the vesting of 25% of a grant of restricted stock originally awarded on February 15, 2006.

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