

Minetti Carlos  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Minetti Carlos

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2500 LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

RIVERWOODS, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Discover Financial Services [DFS]

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

07/05/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/05/2011		M		52,549	A	\$ 19.41
Common Stock	07/05/2011		S		43,010	D	\$ 26.64 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock							762.51
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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.41	07/05/2011		M	52,549	(2)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	52,549

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Minetti Carlos 2500 LAKE COOK ROAD RIVERWOODS, IL 60015	Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President Other

## Signatures

/s/ Simon Halfin as Attorney-in-Fact for Carlos Minetti  
07/07/2011

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.59 to \$26.67, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Discover Financial Services, any security holder of Discover Financial Services, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 1 to this Form 4.
  - (2) This option vested on January 2, 2004.
  - (3) In connection with Discover Financial Services' Spin-Off from Morgan Stanley, this option was granted by Discover Financial Services in replacement of an option to purchase 17,886 shares of common stock of Morgan Stanley at an exercise price of \$57.03.

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