Discover Financial Services Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **NELMS DAVID W** Issuer Symbol Discover Financial Services [DFS] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 2500 LAKE COOK ROAD 02/01/2016 below) Chairman & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting RIVERWOODS, IL 60015 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative Securities Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | or Disposed of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially | Form: | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Owned | Direct (D) | Ownership |
| | | | | | Following | or Indirect | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | (A) | Reported | (I) | |
| | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | or | (Inetr 3 and 4) | | |

| | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr |
|-----------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------------|-------------|--|---------------|
| Common Stock | 02/01/2016 | A | 214,065 (1) | A | \$0 | 2,032,178.02 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2016 | F | 113,308 (2) | D | \$ 46.05 | 1,918,870.02 | D |
| ~ | | | | | | | |

Common 1,002.54 Ι By ESOP Stock

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | m: .1 | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | ~ | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| NELMS DAVID W | | | | | | | | |
| 2500 LAKE COOK ROAD | X | | Chairman & CEO | | | | | |
| RIVERWOODS, IL 60015 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher Greene as Attorney-in-Fact for David W.
Nelms

02/03/2016

**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) Shares earned upon vesting of non-derivative performance stock units, which are exempt from liability under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d). Performance stock units are convertible into shares of common stock at a ratio of 1:1.
- (2) Number of shares withheld to pay the tax withholding obligation incurred in connection with the vesting of previously granted restricted stock units and performance stock units.

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