

HUMPHREY PETER G  
 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 \*  
**HUMPHREY PETER G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**220 LIBERTY STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/12/2009**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Pres & Chief Executive Officer**

**WARSAW, NY 14569**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2009		D	4,800 (1)	D 240,371	D	

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)**

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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. Nu...
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**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUMPHREY PETER G 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569	X		Pres & Chief Executive Officer	

**Signatures**

Sonia M. Dumbleton for Peter G. Humphrey 03/19/2009  
\*\*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).

As reported on Form 4 dated 01/16/2008, Mr. Humphrey was granted 6,000 shares of restricted stock which would vest upon satisfaction of both a performance requirement and a service requirement. The amount reported on this Form 4 reflects the forfeiture of the (1) non-achieved portion, or 80%, of the performance requirement. Based upon achievement of 20% of the performance-based requirement, 1,200 of the restricted stock awards will vest in accordance with the service requirements in two equal installments beginning on 01/16/2010.

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