

Discover Financial Services  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**NELMS DAVID W**

(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)

**02/01/2017**

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)

**Chairman & CEO**

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

**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)
Common Stock	02/01/2017		A	(A) or (D) Amount 56,428 (1)	\$ 68.77	1,738,696.37	D
Common Stock	02/01/2017		F	(2) 53,310	\$ 68.77	1,685,386.37	D
Common Stock	02/01/2017		S	(3) 15,000	\$ (4) 69.81	1,670,386.37	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)

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Schott as Attorney-in-Fact for David W. Nelms 02/03/2017

\*\*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.
- (3) Sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the Reporting Person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$69.54 to \$70.16, 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 this footnote.
- (4)

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