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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC] À Fairman Francis E IV (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 800 NICOLLET MALL (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MINNEAPOLIS, MNÂ 55402 Form filed by More than One Head, Public Finance Services Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 59,119 Common Stock 394 I By PJC Retirement Plan (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/12/2007(2)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	3,632	\$ 47.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2008(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	1,391	\$ 39.62	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/2009(4)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	2,135	\$ 47.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/15/2010(5)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	2,496	\$ 70.13	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/15/2011(6)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	6,759	\$ 41.09	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Fairman Francis E IV 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	Â	Â	Head, Public Finance Services	Â	

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Francis E. Fairman

01/06/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Based on a plan report dated December 13, 2011
- (2) The option vested in full on February 12, 2007.
- (3) The option vested in full on February 22, 2008.
- (4) The option vested in full on February 21, 2009.
- (5) The option vested in full on February 15, 2010.
- **(6)** The option vested in full on February 15, 2011.

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