

Tewes Timothy  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Tewes Timothy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NELNET INC [NNI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 121 SOUTH 13TH STREET, SUITE 201

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2010

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

Executive Director

(Street)  
 LINCOLN, NE 68508

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

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

**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)
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		P <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	8,800 A	\$ 22.7219 21,354 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Class A Common Stock					2,599 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By 401(k) plan

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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tewes Timothy 121 SOUTH 13TH STREET SUITE 201 LINCOLN, NE 68508			Executive Director	

## Signatures

/s/ Angie R. Miller, Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy Tewes  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/17/2010

## 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) These shares were purchased by Timothy Tewes pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Purchase Plan (the "Plan") entered into on September 16, 2010, which provided for the purchase of shares of the issuer's Class A Common Stock. With the purchase of the shares reported herein, the Plan has been completed and no future purchases may occur pursuant to the Plan.
- (2) Rule 10b5-1, promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, allows an officer of a company who is not in possession of material non-public information to establish pre-arranged plans to buy or sell a specified number of shares of such company's stock. Once a plan is established, the officer does not retain or exercise any discretion over purchases of stock under the plan and the pre-planned trades may be executed at later dates as set forth in the plan.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.68 to \$22.74 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within such range.
- (4) Includes 1,492 shares issued pursuant to the issuer's Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- (5) The reporting person has acquired a total of 290 shares under the issuer's 401(k) plan since April 30, 2010.

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