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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading O'Brien Brien M Issuer Symbol PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES (Check all applicable) [PJC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) TWO PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, 180 02/20/2013 Head of Asset Management N. STETSON AVE, SUITE 5500 (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 CHICAGO, IL 60601 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) or Indirect Following (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount \$ Common 02/20/2013 S 12,000 D 41.1187 D 127,616 Stock (1) Through Common trust for 19,118 I Stock benefit of

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				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

O'Brien Brien M TWO PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, 180 N. STETSON AVE SUITE 5500 CHICAGO, IL 60601

Head of Asset Management

Signatures

/s/ John W. Geelan for Brien M. O'Brien

02/21/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$41.00 (1) to \$41.43 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate

price within the range set forth in this footnote upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any shareholder of the issuer.

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