FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1 . Name and Address of Reporting Lesson | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA] | | onship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) | to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | |
|---|------------|-------------|---|-----------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2015 | | Executive Vice President | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK (City) | NY (State) | 10022 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 07/17/2015 | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Chec Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One | 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. Tran Code 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. | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|--|------|---|--|---------------|-------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | 3 and 4) | | (111341. 4) |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Phantom Shares | (1) | 07/15/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 3,345 | 07/15/2015 | 07/15/2015 | Common Stock | 3,345 | (1) | 109,357 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Settlement of vested portion of time-based phantom shares granted to the Reporting Person in each of July 2012, July 2013 and July 2014. Each phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.
- $2.\ Number of derivative securities\ reported\ corrects\ Form\ 4\ filed\ on\ July\ 17,2015, which\ report\ was\ subsequently\ amended\ by\ the\ Form\ 4/A\ filed\ on\ July\ 31,2015.$

Remarks:

The Reporting Person is filing this Form 4/A to correct the information set forth in Column 9 of Table II of the Form 4 first filed on July 17, 2015, which Form 4 was amended by the Form 4/A filed on July 31, 2015. Other than the correction described in the preceding sentence, no other information of the subject Form 4/A filed on July 31, 2015) is being amended or corrected hereby.

/s/ Ronald A. Freydberg 01/05/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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