

PINOLA RICHARD J
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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 *
 PINOLA RICHARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

11760 US HIGHWAY 1 SUITE
 200, C/O BANKRATE INC.

(Street)

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankrate, Inc. [RATE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.39	01/03/2012	A	10,000					(1)	01/03/2019(2)	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PINOLA RICHARD J 11760 US HIGHWAY 1 SUITE 200 C/O BANKRATE INC. NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408	X			

Signatures

/s/ Edward J. DiMaria, as attorney-in-fact 01/11/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Granted under the Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan. A portion of the stock option award exercisable for 1/4 of the shares is (1) sheduled to vest on January 3, 2013 and the remainder of the stock option award is scheduled to vest in 36 equal monthly installments, beginning February 3, 2013.

(2) Options may terminate earlier upon certain events relating to the termination of grantee's services to Bankrate, Inc.

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