

FREDRICKSON STEVEN D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 FREDRICKSON STEVEN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 120 CORPORATE BLVD, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, CEO, Chairman

NORFOLK, VA 23502

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/03/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		18,152	A	\$ 0 165,971
Common Stock	03/03/2012		F <sup>(2)</sup>		5,845	D	\$ 0 160,126

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 Beneficially (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
FREDRICKSON STEVEN D 120 CORPORATE BLVD SUITE 100 NORFOLK, VA 23502	X		President, CEO, Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Steven D. Fredrickson  
03/06/2012

Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These shares were awarded pursuant to the Company's 2009 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan ("LTI Plan"). The shares reported on this
- (1) form represent the shares earned under the Return on Shareholders' Equity and Total Shareholder Return performance categories as outlined in the Proxy Statement filed by Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc. on April 20, 2009.
  - (2) The disposal of these shares are related to the vesting of an award originally granted pursuant to the Company's 2009 LTI Plan.

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