FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Person* STILWELL JOSEPH | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [KFS] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2017 | | | | | | | | Officer (give Other (specify title below) below) | | | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YO | t) V YORK NY 10006 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | pplica | dual or Joi ble Line) Form filed Form filed | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State | e) (| (Zip) | | | Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Table I - N | Non-I | Derivative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | quire | ed, D | isposed | of, o | r Ben | eficia | ally Own | ec | i | | | | |
| Date | | ansaction hth/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (a or Disposed Of (D) (Inst 3, 4 and 5) | | | Se Be Ov | . Amount of ecurities eneficially lwned ollowing | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Re Tra | ported insaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | , | | |
| Common Stock | | | 08 | /31/2017 | | | P | | 1,000 | A | \$5.9 | 5 3, | 895,323(1 | (1) D | | | | | | |
| | | | Tak | ole II - Dei (e.ç | | | | | | ired, Dis _l options, | | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y | | Execution D | | Date, Transaction Code (Instr. | | 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) | | | Amou Secu Unde Deriv | rlying ative rity (Instr. | De Se | curity str. 5) | deriva Secui Bener Owner Follow Report | rities ficially ed wing orted saction(s) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | iration | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. After giving effect to the transactions reported herein, the following individual and entities directly own shares of common stock as follows: Joseph Stilwell, 162,500 shares; Stilwell Value Partners III, L.P., 60,000 shares; Stilwell Value Partners IV, L.P., 0 shares; Stilwell Associates, L.P., 903,066 shares; Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P., 304,563 shares; and Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P., 2,465,194 shares; Stilwell Associates Insurance Fund of the SALI Multi-Series Fund L.P., 0 shares; The aggregate shares are owned indirectly by Joseph Stilwell and all listed entities, other than Stilwell Associates Insurance Fund of the SALI Multi-Series Fund L.P., through Joseph Stilwell's capacity as the managing member and 99% owner of Stilwell Value LLC, which is the general partner of Stilwell Value Partners III, L.P., Stilwell Value Partners IV, L.P., Stilwell Associates L.P., Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P., and Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P.

<u>Pilar Torres by Power of</u> <u>Attorney</u>

09/01/2017

** Signature of Reporting

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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