

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br><u>MOTHNER JONATHAN S</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL</u><br><u>777 LONG RIDGE ROAD</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>STAMFORD CT 06902</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Synchrony Financial [ SYF ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>See remarks |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>04/01/2017</u>             |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |   |

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 11,429 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A          | \$0    | 115,667   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 1,709 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D          | \$34.3 | 113,958   | D  |   |

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$34.3   | 04/01/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 23,258   |     | (3)  | 04/01/2027      | Common Stock  | \$0  | 185,461  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents restricted stock units that will vest in five equal annual installments of 20% each, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Synchrony Financial common stock.
2. Reflects the number of shares of Company common stock withheld by the Company to pay the tax liability of the Reporting Person in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.
3. The option will vest in five equal annual installments of 20% each, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

**Remarks:**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

/s/ Danielle Do, as attorney in fact 04/04/2017

\*\* 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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