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 Person*  Whynott Paul  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL  777 LONG RIDGE ROAD                |   |  |  |                                      | 3. Da  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Synchrony Financial [ SYF ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2019 |  |   |  |  |                      |   |               |  | ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)  See remarks      |  |     |   |  |
|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|----------------------|---|---------------|--|---|--|-----|---|--|
| (Street) STAMFORD (City)   | CT (State)  | 06<br>(Zij                                 | 902<br>p)  |                                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |   |  |  |                      |   |               | 6. Indiv   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) $X$ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |     |   |  |
|  |   | Ta   | able I - Non   | ı-Der                                | rivativ  | re S   | ecuritie   | s Acq                                   | uired,   | Disp   | osed of              | , or  | Benefi        | cially Ow  | ned   |  |     |   |  |
| Date   |   |  |  | Transaction<br>ite<br>onth/Day/Year) |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)  |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar |                      |   |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported<br>Transaction(s) |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4)  |     | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)       |  |
|  |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |  |   | Code   | V  | Amount               |   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |  |     |   |  |
| Common Stock 09/1  |   |  |  |                                      | 17/201   | 19   |  |   | F  |  | 898 <sup>(1)</sup> D |   | \$33.96       | 62,6   | 2,672   |  | D   |   |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |  |   |  |  |                      |   |               |  |   |  |     |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Dat<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yo | ~   c                                | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Security Acquired or Di (D) (I |  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |   | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | te<br>ear)           | Securities Underl<br>Derivative Securit<br>3 and 4) |               | derlying curity (Instr.  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | s I | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |  | -                                    |  |  | (A)  | (D)                                     | Date Expira<br>Exercisable Date                            |  | Expiration<br>Date   | Numb  |               | Number of<br>Shares  |   |  |     |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Reflects the number of shares of Company common stock automatically withheld by the Company to pay the tax liability of the Reporting Person in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units. No investment decision was made by the Reporting Person in connection with the withholding.

## Remarks

EVP, Chief Risk Officer

/s/ Danielle Do as attorney in fact 09/19/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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