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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Howse Curtis</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>777 LONG RIDGE ROAD</u> <u>C/O CORPORATE SECRETARY</u> (Street) <u>STAMFORD</u> <u>CT</u> <u>06902</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Synchrony Financial</u> [<u>SYF</u>]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>See remarks</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/21/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	01/21/2026		A		67,590 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$77.13	176,074	D	
Common Stock	01/21/2026		F		29,322 ⁽²⁾	D	\$77.13	146,752	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents common stock of Synchrony Financial (the "Company") earned by the reporting person in connection with the vesting of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") under the 2023-2025 Long-Term Performance Program based on pre-established performance goals for the 2023-2025 performance period.

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 the PSUs under the 2023-2025 Long-Term Performance Program.

Remarks:

EVP, CEO--Home & Auto

/s/ Danielle Do as attorney in fact 01/23/2026
** 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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