

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC
Form NT 11-K
June 29, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC. 20549
FORM 12b-25
Commission File Number: 0-17089
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2010

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| .. | Transition Report on Form 10-K | .. | Transition Report on Form 10-Q |
| .. | Transition Report on Form 20-K | .. | Transition Report on Form N-SAR |
| .. | Transition Report on Form 11-K | | |

For the Transition Period Ended:

Read attached instruction sheet before preparing form. Please print or type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Full name of registrant:

Boston Private Bank & Trust Company 401(k) Plan

Former name if applicable:

Ten Post Office Square

Address of principal executive office (Street and number):

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

City, State and Zip Code:

PART II

RULE 12b-25 (b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (b) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III

NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR or N-CSR or the transition report portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

There were delays in obtaining sufficient detail for the Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") for the year ended December 31, 2010 from the Plan's vendor supporting the Plan's financial statements, and therefore, the timely filing of the Form 11-K could not be accomplished without unreasonable effort or expense on behalf of the Plan.

PART IV

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification:

Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Plan Committee, c/o Martha T. Higgins, Executive Vice President—Human Resources, Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc., (617) 912-4315

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

(Name of registrant as specified in charter)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized:

By: BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS,
INC.
401(k) PLAN COMMITTEE, AS PLAN
ADMINISTRATOR

Date: June 29, 2011

By: /s/ MARTHA T. HIGGINS
Name: Martha T. Higgins
Title: Executive Vice President—Human Resources
Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.

Instruction. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).