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Form 8-K/A March 16, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A No. 2

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 28, 2001

# (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Pennsylvania 000-23863 23-2391852 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Ident. No.) 50 Main Street, Hallstead, PA 18822 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (570)879-2175 N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On February 28, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Registrant approved the engagement of the accounting firm of Beard Miller Company LLP as the Registrant's independent accountants, to replace Prociak & Associates, LLC

The reports of Prociak & Associates, LLC on the Registrant's financial statements for the two most recent fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, and such reports were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the two most recent fiscal years and for the subsequent interim period through February 28, 2001, the date of the engagement of Beard Miller Company LLP to replace Prociak & Associates, LLC, there have been no disagreements between the Registrant and its prior independent accountants, Prociak &

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Associates, LLC, on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, or any "reportable events" as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of SEC Regulation S-K.

Prior to the engagement of Beard Miller Company LLP, the Registrant had not consulted or engaged Beard Miller Company LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure. The Registrant has authorized Prociak & Associates, LLC to respond fully to all inquiries of Beard Miller Company LLP.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 16 is a letter from Prociak & Associates, LLC addressed to the SEC stating that it agrees with the statements made by the Registrant in response to this item 4.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

 $\,$  16  $\,$  Letter, dated March 15, 2001, of Prociak & Associates, LLC re change in certifying accountant.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.

Dated: March 15, 2001

By /s/ Debra E. Dissinger
Debra E. Dissinger
Senior Vice President