

Varsell Lynn  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Varsell Lynn

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANKRATE INC [RATE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BANKRATE, INC., 11760 US HIGHWAY 1 SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/03/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP-Publisher

(Street)

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408

4. If Amendment, Date 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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                            |
| Common stock                    | 12/03/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | V                                                                 | 11,459 A \$ 17.13                                                                             | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common stock                    | 12/03/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 11,459 D \$ 30 0                                                                              | D                                                        |                                            |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 17.13                                               | 12/03/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | 11,459                                                                                  | 05/23/2006                                               | 05/23/2013                                                    | Common stock | 11,459                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                               | Relationships |           |               |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| Varsell Lynn<br>BANKRATE, INC.<br>11760 US HIGHWAY 1 SUITE 200<br>NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408 |               |           | SVP-Publisher |       |

## Signatures

Lynn E. Varsell 12/04/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

By: Robert J. DeFranco, 12/04/2008  
Attorney-in-fact

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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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