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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Esterow Kenneth S | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | Bankrate, Inc. [RATE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| C/O BANKRATE, INC., 11760 US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200 | (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2015 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zip | Table I | I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | red, 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2015 | | F 963 (1) D \$ 12.81 | 240,832 (2) | D |
| 2014 Performance Shares | | | | 126,400 (3) | D |
| 2015 Performance Shares | | | | 159,963 <u>(4)</u> | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | 4, and 5) | | • | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Esterow Kenneth S C/O BANKRATE, INC. 11760 US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200 NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408

President, CEO

Signatures

/s/ James R. Gilmartin, as attorney-in-fact

02/11/2015

**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).
- (1) Represents shares surrendered by the reporting person to Bankrate, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock previously awarded to the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 185,039 restricted shares.

Represents the "target" number of shares of common stock. The actual number of shares of common stock that will vest will depend on the Company's financial performance in respect of the 2014 and 2015 calendar years and could be as many as one and a half times the

(3) number of performance shares initially granted or as few as zero shares. Half of the shares that are earned will vest following the determination of the award value following the end of 2015 and the remaining half will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting dates. The shares are also subject to full or partial acceleration in the event of certain terminations of employment or the occurrence of certain terminations of employment following a change in control.

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Represents the "target" number of shares of common stock. The actual number of shares of common stock that will vest will depend on the Company's financial performance in respect of the 2015 and 2016 calendar years and could be as many as one and a half times the number of performance shares initially granted or as few as zero shares. Half of the shares that are earned will vest following the determination of the award value following the end of 2016 and the remaining half will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting dates. The shares are also subject to full or partial acceleration in the event of certain terminations of employment or the occurrence of certain terminations of employment following a change in control.

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