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February 21, 2007

CUSIP NO. 74386T105 13G

| 1 | | | Person / IRS Identification Number: Inc. / 36-2831881 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 2 | Check the Ap | | ate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [] (b) [X] |
| 3 | SEC Use Only | | |
| 4 | Citizenship Delaware | or Pla | ce of Organization |
| | umber of Shares | 5 | Sole Voting Power 0 Shares |
| Beneficially Owned By | | 6 | Shared Voting Power O Shares |
| R | Each eporting | 7 | Sole Dispositive Power O Shares |
| | Person With | 8 | Shared Dispositive Power O Shares |
| 9 | Aggregate Am O | ount B | eneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person |
| 10 | Check if the | Aggre | gate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain (See Instructions) |
| 11 | Percent of C | lass R | epresented by Amount in Row (9) |
| 12 | Type of Repo IA | rting | Person |
| Item Item | 1 (b) Na: | me of O BERG | Issuer: PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: EN AVENUE ITY, NJ 07306 |

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| Item 2 | (a) | Person Filing - Advisory Research, Inc. | | |
|------------------|------------|---|----|--|
| Item 2 | (b) | Address - 180 North Stetson St., Suite 5500 Chicago, IL 60601 | | |
| Item 2 | (c) | Citizenship - Advisory Research, Inc.is a Delaware Corporation | | |
| Item 2 Item 2 | (d) (e) | Title of Class of Securities - Common CUSIP Number - 74386T105 | | |
| Item 3 | | If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a: | | |
| | | (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act | on | |
| | | (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act | ıe | |
| | | (c) [] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act | | |
| | | (d) [] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act | | |
| | | (e) [X] Investment Advisor in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E) | | |
| | | <pre>(f) [] Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b) (1)(ii)(F)</pre> | | |
| | | <pre>(g) [] Parent Holding Company or Control Persor in accordance with secton 13d-1(b) (1)(ii)(G)</pre> | 1 | |
| | | <pre>(h) [] A savings association as defined in</pre> | | |
| | | (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | - | |
| Item 4 | Owne | rship | | |
| | (a) | (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: Advisory Research, Inc. 0 Shares | | |
| | (b) | Percent of Class 0.00 | | |
| | (c) | Number of shares as to which reporting person has (i) Sole Voting Power 0 Shares (ii) Shared Voting Power 0 Shares (iii) Sole Dispositive Power 0 Shares (iv) Shared Dispositive Power 0 Shares | 3: | |

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- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

 If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following []
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: Not Applicable
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company: Not Applicable
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

02/14/2007

Date

/s/ Brien M. O'Brien

Signature

Brien M. O'Brien, President

Name/Title