

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ **The merger of Legacy Sterling with and into Provident qualifies as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Other relevant Internal Revenue Code sections include 354, 356, 358 and 1001.**

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ **No loss can be recognized upon the exchange of the Legacy Sterling common shares for shares of Provident common stock. If a taxable loss is calculated on the deemed sale of a fractional share of Provident common stock deemed to have been received in the exchange, this loss can be recognized.**

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ **The transaction was completed on October 31, 2013. Consequently, the reportable tax year of the Legacy Sterling shareholders for reporting the tax effect of the share exchange is the tax year that includes the October 31, 2013 date. This is the 2013 calendar year for those shareholders who report taxable income on the basis of a calendar year.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

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The securities subject to reporting include all shares of Provident New York Bancorp ("Provident") common stock issued in exchange for the outstanding common stock of Sterling Bancorp ("Legacy Sterling") as a result of the merger of Legacy Sterling with and into Provident on October 31, 2013.

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The reportable organizational action, effective at 11:59:59pm on October 31, 2013, is the merger of Legacy Sterling with and into Provident, with Provident continuing as the surviving corporation. Effective at the time of merger, Provident changed its legal name to Sterling Bancorp ("Sterling").

As a result of the merger, each share of Legacy Sterling common stock was exchanged for 1.2625 shares of Provident common stock. No fractional shares of Provident common stock were issued in connection with the merger. To the extent that the exchange would have resulted in the issuance of a fractional share of Provident common stock to a Legacy Sterling shareholder, a cash payment equal to the market value equivalent of the fractional share was paid in lieu of issuing a fractional share of Provident common stock.

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The merger of Legacy Sterling with and into Provident qualifies as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a result, no taxable gain or loss will be recognized by any Legacy Sterling shareholder upon the exchange of their shares of Legacy Sterling common stock for shares of Provident common stock.

For each identifiable block of Legacy Sterling common shares surrendered in the exchange having a common tax basis, the aggregate tax basis of the shares of Provident common stock received in the exchange will be equal to the tax basis of the Legacy Sterling common shares surrendered in the exchange. The tax basis of each individual share of Provident common stock within this identifiable block is determined by dividing this aggregate tax basis by the number of Provident common shares (including any fractional share deemed to have been distributed in the exchange – see below) that comprise this identifiable block.

Legacy Sterling shareholders who receive cash in lieu of a fractional share of Provident common stock are, for purposes of determining the taxability of that cash, deemed to have received a fractional share in the exchange and then as having sold the fractional share for cash. These Legacy Sterling shareholders will generally recognize a taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the tax basis of the Legacy Sterling common shares deemed to have been exchanged for the fractional share and the amount of cash received.

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Refer to the description of the basis calculation in Part II, Box 15 above.