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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Bankrate, Inc. [RATE] A Speltz Christopher J (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O BANKRATE, INC., 11760 (Check all applicable) US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200 10% Owner Director (Street) Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) CEO, Credit Cards _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person **NORTH PALM** _ Form filed by More than One BEACH, FLÂ 33408 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership Ownership (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 88,273 (1) D Â 2013 Performance Shares (2) 30.000 (3) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	06/16/2018	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 15	D	Â

Reporting Owners

	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	FG	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
	Speltz Christopher J					
(C/O BANKRATE, INC.	â	â	CEO, Credit Cards	â	
1	1760 US HIGHWAY ONE, SUITE 200	А	A	A CEO, Cleuit Carus	A	
1	NORTH PALM BEACH. FL 33408					

Signatures

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

02/05/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Includes 30,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan on May 14, 2013, exempt under Rule 16b-3. One-third of the restricted shares will vest on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to continued employment through such anniversary and also to full or partial acceleration of vesting in the event of certain terminations of employment or the occurrence of a change in control.
 - Performance shares granted pursuant to the Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan on May 14, 2013, exempt under Rule 16b-3. The actual number of shares of common stock that will vest will depend on the Company's financial performance in respect of the 2013
- (2) calendar year and could be as many as twice the number of performance shares initially granted or as few as zero shares. The shares will vest, subject to continued employment through the third anniversary of the date of grant and also to full or partial acceleration in the event of certain terminations of employment or the occurrence of a change in control.
- (3) Represents the "target" number of shares of common stock. The actual number of shares that will vest could be less than or greater than the target number, depending on the level of performance achieved.
- (4) Granted under the Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan. A portion of the stock option award exercisable for 1/4 of the shares vested on June 16, 2012 and the remainder of the stock option award vests in 36 equal monthly installments, beginning July 16, 2012.

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