

**FORM 10-Q**

**T** QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

Commission file number: 1-11416

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

33-0459135  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

19500 Jamboree Road, Irvine, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

92612  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including Area Code: (949) 753-6800**

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: N/A

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer", "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer   
Non-Accelerated Filer  Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

As of April 24, 2013 the registrant had 20,277,300 common shares outstanding.

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**Item 1. Financial Statements****CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In thousands, except share and per share data)**

|  | <u>March 31,<br/>2013</u> | <u>December 31,<br/>2012</u> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                           |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 13,866                 | \$ 12,966                    |
| Restricted cash and equivalents  | 139,393                   | 104,445                      |
| Finance receivables  | 857,430                   | 764,343                      |
| Less: Allowance for finance credit losses  | (24,881)                  | (19,594)                     |
| Finance receivables, net   | 832,549                   | 744,749                      |
| Finance receivables measured at fair value   | 43,021                    | 59,668                       |
| Residual interest in securitizations   | 3,505                     | 4,824                        |
| Furniture and equipment, net   | 583                       | 726                          |
| Deferred financing costs   | 9,784                     | 9,140                        |
| Deferred tax assets, net   | 75,640                    | 75,640                       |
| Accrued interest receivable  | 10,602                    | 10,411                       |
| Other assets   | 16,373                    | 15,051                       |
|  | <u>\$ 1,145,316</u>       | <u>\$ 1,037,620</u>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                           |                              |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                           |                              |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | \$ 21,472                 | \$ 17,785                    |
| Warehouse lines of credit  | 26,676                    | 21,731                       |
| Residual interest financing  | 13,773                    | 13,773                       |
| Debt secured by receivables measured at fair value   | 40,387                    | 57,107                       |
| Securitization trust debt  | 901,679                   | 792,497                      |
| Senior secured debt, related party   | 50,789                    | 50,135                       |
| Subordinated renewable notes   | 23,558                    | 23,281                       |
|  | 1,078,334                 | 976,309                      |
| <b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>   |                           |                              |
| <b>Shareholders' Equity</b>  |                           |                              |
| Preferred stock, \$1 par value; authorized 4,998,130 shares; none issued   | -                         | -                            |
| Series A preferred stock, \$1 par value; authorized 5,000,000 shares; none issued  | -                         | -                            |
| Series B preferred stock, \$1 par value; authorized 1,870 shares; none issued  |                           |                              |
| Common stock, no par value; authorized 75,000,000 shares; 20,264,800 and 19,838,913 shares issued<br>and outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively | 67,564                    | 65,678                       |
| Retained earnings  | 5,055                     | 1,270                        |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   | (5,637)                   | (5,637)                      |
|  | <u>66,982</u>             | <u>61,311</u>                |
|  | <u>\$ 1,145,316</u>       | <u>\$ 1,037,620</u>          |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |           |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2013                            | 2012      |
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |                                 |           |
| Interest income   | \$ 51,168                       | \$ 40,611 |
| Servicing fees  | 909                             | 801       |
| Other income  | 2,517                           | 3,106     |
|   | 54,594                          | 44,518    |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  |                                 |           |
| Employee costs  | 8,949                           | 8,871     |
| General and administrative                                  | 3,755                           | 4,497     |
| Interest  | 16,346                          | 22,309    |
| Provision for credit losses                                 | 15,147                          | 4,836     |
| Marketing   | 3,182                           | 2,620     |
| Occupancy   | 544                             | 721       |
| Depreciation and amortization                               | 143                             | 152       |
|   | 48,066                          | 44,006    |
| Income before income tax expense                            | 6,528                           | 512       |
| Income tax expense  | 2,743                           | -         |
| Net income  | \$ 3,785                        | \$ 512    |
| <b>Income per share:</b>                                    |                                 |           |
| Basic   | \$ 0.19                         | \$ 0.03   |
| Diluted   | 0.12                            | 0.02      |
| <b>Number of shares used in computing income per share:</b> |                                 |           |
| Basic   | 20,073                          | 19,416    |
| Diluted   | 31,624                          | 22,601    |

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.*

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**(In thousands)**

|  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |               |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
|  | 2013                            | 2012          |
| Net income   | \$ 3,785                        | \$ 512        |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss); change in funded status of pension plan | –                               | –             |
| Comprehensive income   | <u>\$ 3,785</u>                 | <u>\$ 512</u> |

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.*

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                  |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2013                            | 2012             |
| <i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>                                      |                                 |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 3,785                        | \$ 512           |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                 |                  |
| Accretion of deferred acquisition fees  | (5,021)                         | (3,335)          |
| Accretion of purchase discount on receivables measured at fair value              | (886)                           | (4,163)          |
| Amortization of discount on securitization trust debt                             | 320                             | 592              |
| Amortization of discount on senior secured debt, related party                    | 654                             | 826              |
| Accretion of premium on debt secured by receivables measured at fair value        | 1,104                           | 2,980            |
| Mark to fair value on debt secured by receivables measured at fair value          | 106                             | 2,400            |
| Mark to fair value of receivables measured at fair value                          | 13                              | (1,510)          |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 143                             | 152              |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs  | 930                             | 1,477            |
| Provision for credit losses   | 15,147                          | 4,836            |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 676                             | 293              |
| Interest income on residual assets  | -                               | (198)            |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                                 |                  |
| Accrued interest receivable   | (191)                           | 52               |
| Other assets  | (4)                             | 526              |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 4,269                           | (982)            |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | <u>21,045</u>                   | <u>4,458</u>     |
| <i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>                                      |                                 |                  |
| Purchases of finance receivables held for investment                              | (180,123)                       | (119,902)        |
| Payments received on finance receivables held for investment                      | 82,197                          | 80,896           |
| Payments on receivables portfolio at fair value                                   | 17,520                          | 39,039           |
| Proceeds received on residual interest in securitizations                         | 1,319                           | -                |
| Change in repossessions held in inventory   | (1,318)                         | 258              |
| Decreases (increases) in restricted cash and cash equivalents, net                | (34,948)                        | 27,685           |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment   | -                               | (30)             |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                               | <u>(115,353)</u>                | <u>27,946</u>    |
| <i>Cash flows from financing activities:</i>                                      |                                 |                  |
| Proceeds from issuance of securitization trust debt                               | 185,000                         | 155,000          |
| Proceeds from issuance of subordinated renewable notes                            | 748                             | 638              |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior secured debt, related party                      | -                               | -                |
| Payments on subordinated renewable notes  | (471)                           | (647)            |
| Net proceeds from warehouse lines of credit                                       | 4,945                           | 3,536            |
| Proceeds from (repayments of) residual interest financing debt                    | -                               | (3,869)          |
| Repayment of securitization trust debt  | (76,138)                        | (138,979)        |
| Repayment of portfolio acquisition facility                                       | (17,930)                        | (39,191)         |
| Repayment of senior secured debt, related party                                   | -                               | (5,600)          |
| Payment of financing costs  | (1,574)                         | (2,540)          |
| Repurchase of common stock  | (120)                           | (244)            |
| Exercise of options and warrants  | 748                             | 12               |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                               | <u>95,208</u>                   | <u>(31,884)</u>  |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents   | 900                             | 520              |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                  | 12,966                          | 10,094           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period  | <u>\$ 13,866</u>                | <u>\$ 10,614</u> |
| <i>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</i>                          |                                 |                  |
| Cash paid (received) during the period for:                                       |                                 |                  |
| Interest  | \$ 16,064                       | \$ 22,181        |
| Income taxes  | \$ 990                          | \$ 147           |
| Non-cash financing activities:  |                                 |                  |
| Derivative warrants reclassified from accounts payable to common stock            | \$ 583                          | \$ 1,056         |

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.*

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Description of Business**

We were formed in California on March 8, 1991. We specialize in purchasing and servicing retail automobile installment sale contracts ("automobile contracts" or "finance receivables") originated by licensed motor vehicle dealers located throughout the United States ("dealers") in the sale of new and used automobiles, light trucks and passenger vans. Through our purchases, we provide indirect financing to dealer customers for borrowers with limited credit histories, low incomes or past credit problems ("sub-prime customers"). We serve as an alternative source of financing for dealers, allowing sales to customers who otherwise might not be able to obtain financing. In addition to purchasing installment purchase contracts directly from dealers, we have also (i) acquired installment purchase contracts in four merger and acquisition transactions, (ii) purchased immaterial amounts of vehicle purchase money loans from non-affiliated lenders, and (iii) lent money directly to consumers for an immaterial amount of vehicle purchase money loans. In this report, we refer to all of such contracts and loans as "automobile contracts."

**Basis of Presentation**

Our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the instructions to Form 10-Q and with Article 8 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and include all adjustments that are, in management's opinion, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are, in the opinion of management, of a normal recurring nature. In addition, certain items in prior period financial statements may have been reclassified for comparability to current period presentation. Results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results to be expected for the full year.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted from these Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported periods. Specifically, a number of estimates were made in connection with determining an appropriate allowance for finance credit losses, valuing finance receivables measured at fair value and the related debt, valuing residual interest in securitizations, accreting net acquisition fees, amortizing deferred costs, valuing warrants issued, and recording deferred tax assets and reserves for uncertain tax positions. These are material estimates that could be susceptible to changes in the near term and, accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Other Income**

The following table presents the primary components of Other Income for the three-month periods ending March 31, 2013 and 2012:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>March 31,</b>          |             |
|  | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b> |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |             |
| Direct mail revenues                           | \$ 1,764                  | \$ 1,619    |
| Convenience fee revenue                        | 687                       | 832         |
| Recoveries on previously charged-off contracts | 50                        | 97          |
| Sales tax refunds                              | 84                        | 72          |
| Other  | (68)                      | 486         |
| Other income for the period                    | \$ 2,517                  | \$ 3,106    |

**Stock-based Compensation**

We recognize compensation costs in the financial statements for all share-based payments based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of ASC 718 "Stock Compensation".

For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we recorded stock-based compensation costs in the amount of \$676,000 and \$293,000, respectively. As of March 31, 2013, unrecognized stock-based compensation costs to be recognized over future periods equaled \$7.8 million. This amount will be recognized as expense over a weighted-average period of 3.3 years.

The following represents stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

|  | <b>Number of Shares</b><br><b>(in thousands)</b> | <b>Weighted Average</b><br><b>Exercise Price</b> | <b>Weighted Average</b><br><b>Remaining</b><br><b>Contractual</b><br><b>Term</b> |
|--|--|--|--|
| Options outstanding at the beginning of period | 8,652  | \$ 1.58  | N/A  |
| Granted  | 1,465  | 6.86   | N/A  |
| Exercised                                      | (356)  | 1.76   | N/A  |
| Forfeited                                      | -  | -  | N/A  |
| Options outstanding at the end of period       | 9,761  | \$ 2.37  | 6.56 years   |
| Options exercisable at the end of period       | 5,449  | \$ 1.69  | 4.81 years   |

At March 31, 2013, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable was \$91.2 million and \$54.6 million, respectively. There were 356,000 options exercised for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 15,000 for the comparable period in 2012. There were 459,000 shares available for future stock option grants under existing plans as of March 31, 2013.

**Purchases of Company Stock**

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we purchased 15,213 and 227,298 shares, respectively, of our common stock, at average prices of \$7.88 and \$1.15, respectively.

**Reclassifications**

Some items in the prior year financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation. Reclassifications had no effect on prior year net income or total shareholders' equity.



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**Derivative Financial Instruments**

We do not use derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to cash flow or market risks. However, from 2008 to 2010, we issued warrants to purchase the Company's common stock in conjunction with various debt financing transactions. At the time of issuance, five of these warrants issued contained "down round," or price reset, features that are subject to classification as liabilities for financial statement purposes. These liabilities are measured at fair value, with the changes in fair value at the end of each period reflected as current period income or loss. Accordingly, changes to the market price per share of our common stock underlying these warrants with "down round," or price reset, features directly affect the fair value computations for these derivative financial instruments. The effect is that any increase in the market price per share of our common stock would also increase the related liability, which in turn would result in a current period loss. Conversely, any decrease in the market price per share of our common stock would also decrease the related liability, which in turn would result in a current period gain. We use a binomial pricing model to compute the fair value of the liabilities associated with the outstanding warrants. In computing the fair value of the warrant liabilities at the end of each period, we use significant judgments with respect to the risk free interest rate, the volatility of our stock price, and the estimated life of the warrants. The effects of these judgments, if proven incorrect, could have a significant effect on our financial statements. The warrant liabilities are included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses on our consolidated balance sheets. On March 29, 2012 we agreed with the holders to amend three of the five warrants that contained the "down round" features, removing those specific price reset terms. On the date of the amendment, we valued each of the three warrants using a binomial pricing model as described above. The aggregate value of the three amended warrants of \$1.1 million was then reclassified from Accounts payable to Common Stock. On June 25, 2012 we agreed with the holder to amend one other warrant that contained the "down round" features, removing those specific price reset terms. The \$250,000 aggregate value of this amended warrant was reclassified from Accounts payable to Common stock on the date of the amendment. The fifth warrant with the "down round" feature was exercised on February 22, 2013. The \$583,000 intrinsic value of this warrant was reclassified from Accounts payable to Common stock on the date of the exercise. As of March 31, 2013 all five of the warrants issued that previously contained price reset features have either been amended or exercised and are no longer subject to quarterly valuations.

**Financial Covenants**

Certain of our securitization transactions, our warehouse credit facilities and our residual interest financing contain various financial covenants requiring minimum financial ratios and results. Such covenants include maintaining minimum levels of liquidity and net worth and not exceeding maximum leverage levels. As of March 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all such covenants. In addition, certain securitization and non-securitization related debt agreements contain cross-default provisions that would allow certain creditors to declare a default if a default occurred under a different facility.

**Finance Receivables and Related Debt Measured at Fair Value**

In September 2011 we purchased approximately \$217.8 million of finance receivables from Fireside Bank. These receivables and the related acquisition debt are recorded on our balance sheet at fair value. There are no level 1 or level 2 inputs (as described by ASC 820) available to us for measurement of such receivables, or for the related debt. Our level 3, unobservable inputs reflect our own assumptions about the factors that market participants use in pricing similar receivables and debt, and are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The valuation method used to estimate fair value may produce a fair value measurement that may not be indicative of ultimate realizable value. Furthermore, while we believe our valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with those used by other market participants, the use of different methods or assumptions to estimate the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different estimates of fair value. Those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market for such receivables or debt existed, or had such receivables or debt been liquidated, and those differences could be material to the financial statements.

**(2) Finance Receivables**

Our portfolio of finance receivables consists of small-balance homogeneous contracts comprising a single segment and class that is collectively evaluated for impairment on a portfolio basis according to delinquency status. Our contract purchase guidelines are designed to produce a homogenous portfolio. For key terms such as interest rate, length of contract, monthly payment and amount financed, there is relatively little variation from the average for the portfolio. We report delinquency on a contractual basis. Once a contract becomes greater than 90 days delinquent, we do not recognize additional interest income until the obligor under the contract makes sufficient payments to be less than 90 days delinquent. Any payments received on a contract that is greater than 90 days delinquent are first applied to accrued interest and then to principal reduction.

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The following table presents the components of Finance Receivables, net of unearned interest:

|  | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                              |
| Finance Receivables                                      |                           |                              |
| Automobile finance receivables, net of unearned interest | \$ 890,123                | \$ 795,786                   |
| Less: Unearned acquisition fees and originations costs   | (32,693)                  | (31,443)                     |
| Finance Receivables                                      | <u>\$ 857,430</u>         | <u>\$ 764,343</u>            |

We consider an automobile contract delinquent when an obligor fails to make at least 90% of a contractually due payment by the following due date, which date may have been extended within limits specified in the servicing agreements. The period of delinquency is based on the number of days payments are contractually past due, as extended where applicable. Automobile contracts less than 31 days delinquent are not included. In certain circumstances we will grant obligors one-month payment extensions to assist them with temporary cash flow problems. The only modification of terms is to advance the obligor's next due date by one month and extend the maturity date of the receivable by one month. In some cases, a two-month extension may be granted. There are no other concessions such as a reduction in interest rate, forgiveness of principal or of accrued interest. Accordingly, we consider such extensions to be insignificant delays in payments rather than troubled debt restructurings. The following table summarizes the delinquency status of finance receivables as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

|                    | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                    | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                              |
| Delinquency Status |                           |                              |
| Current            | \$ 867,664                | \$ 764,741                   |
| 31 - 60 days       | 12,640                    | 16,925                       |
| 61 - 90 days       | 6,768                     | 9,019                        |
| 91 + days          | 3,051                     | 5,101                        |
|                    | <u>\$ 890,123</u>         | <u>\$ 795,786</u>            |

Finance receivables totaling \$3.1 million and \$5.1 million at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, including all receivables greater than 90 days delinquent, have been placed on non-accrual status as a result of their delinquency status.

We use a loss allowance methodology commonly referred to as "static pooling," which stratifies our finance receivable portfolio into separately identified pools based on the period of origination. Using analytical and formula driven techniques, we estimate an allowance for finance credit losses, which we believe is adequate for probable credit losses that can be reasonably estimated in our portfolio of automobile contracts. The estimate for probable credit losses is reduced by our estimate for future recoveries on previously incurred losses. Provision for losses is charged to our consolidated statement of operations. Net losses incurred on finance receivables are charged to the allowance. For finance receivables originated through December 31, 2010 we established the allowance at the time of the acquisition of the receivable. Beginning January 1, 2011, we establish the allowance for new receivables over the 12-month period following their acquisition.

**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
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The following table presents a summary of the activity for the allowance for credit losses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                  |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
|  | <b>March 31,</b>          |                  |
|  | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>      |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                  |
| Balance at beginning of period                     | \$ 19,594                 | \$ 10,351        |
| Provision for credit losses on finance receivables | 15,147                    | 4,836            |
| Charge-offs  | (12,915)                  | (8,302)          |
| Recoveries   | 3,055                     | 4,366            |
| Balance at end of period                           | <u>\$ 24,881</u>          | <u>\$ 11,251</u> |

Excluded from finance receivables are contracts that were previously classified as finance receivables but were reclassified as other assets because we have repossessed the vehicle securing the Contract. The following table presents a summary of such repossessed inventory together with the allowance for losses in repossessed inventory that is not included in the allowance for credit losses:

|  | <b>March 31,</b>      | <b>December 31,</b> |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>           | <b>2012</b>         |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
| Gross balance of repossessions in inventory        | \$ 14,222             | \$ 12,102           |
| Allowance for losses on repossessed inventory      | (7,186)               | (6,384)             |
| Net repossessed inventory included in other assets | <u>\$ 7,036</u>       | <u>\$ 5,718</u>     |

**(3) Finance Receivables Measured at Fair Value**

In September 2011 we purchased approximately \$217.8 million of finance receivables from Fireside Bank. These receivables are recorded on our balance sheet at fair value.

The following table presents the components of Finance Receivables measured at fair value:

|  | <b>March 31,</b>      | <b>December 31,</b> |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>           | <b>2012</b>         |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
| Finance Receivables Measured at Fair Value                         |                       |                     |
| Finance receivables and accrued interest, net of unearned interest | \$ 43,284             | \$ 60,804           |
| Less: Fair value adjustment  | (263)                 | (1,136)             |
| Finance receivables measured at fair value                         | <u>\$ 43,021</u>      | <u>\$ 59,668</u>    |

The following table summarizes the delinquency status of finance receivables measured at fair value as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

|                    | <b>March 31,</b>      | <b>December 31,</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                    | <b>2013</b>           | <b>2012</b>         |
|                    | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
| Delinquency Status |                       |                     |
| Current            | \$ 41,606             | \$ 57,557           |
| 31 - 60 days       | 1,054                 | 2,206               |
| 61 - 90 days       | 414                   | 710                 |
| 91 + days          | 210                   | 331                 |
|                    | <u>\$ 43,284</u>      | <u>\$ 60,804</u>    |

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**(4) Securitization Trust Debt**

We have completed a number of securitization transactions that are structured as secured borrowings for financial accounting purposes. The debt issued in these transactions is shown on our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as “Securitization trust debt,” and the components of such debt are summarized in the following table:

| Series                 | Final Scheduled<br>Payment<br>Date (1) | Receivables<br>Pledged at<br>March 31,<br>2013 | Initial<br>Principal | Outstanding<br>Principal at<br>March 31,<br>2013 | Outstanding<br>Principal at<br>December 31,<br>2012 | Weighted<br>Average<br>Contractual<br>Interest Rate at<br>March 31,<br>2013 |
|------------------------|--|--|----------------------|--|---|---|
| (Dollars in thousands) |  |  |                      |  |   |   |
| CPS 2008-A             | October 2014                           | \$ 14,094                                      | \$ 310,359           | \$ 35,652  | \$ 40,713   | 9.05%   |
| Page Five Funding      | January 2018                           | 19,076   | 46,058               | 18,151   | 21,251  | 9.43%   |
| CPS 2011-A             | April 2018                             | 44,425   | 100,364              | 41,667   | 48,368  | 3.83%   |
| CPS 2011-B             | September 2018                         | 65,808   | 109,936              | 64,791   | 70,863  | 4.65%   |
| CPS 2011-C             | March 2019                             | 80,190   | 119,400              | 80,772   | 88,269  | 5.07%   |
| CPS 2012-A             | June 2019                              | 93,543   | 155,000              | 95,319   | 105,485   | 3.64%   |
| CPS 2012-B             | September 2019                         | 118,141  | 141,500              | 111,722  | 122,329   | 3.14%   |
| CPS 2012-C             | December 2019                          | 127,147  | 147,000              | 122,001  | 135,219   | 2.45%   |
| CPS 2012-D             | March 2020                             | 148,404  | 160,000              | 146,604  | 160,000   | 2.00%   |
| CPS 2013-A             | June 2020                              | 114,561  | 185,000              | 185,000  | —   | 1.77%   |
|                        |  | <u>\$ 825,389</u>                              | <u>\$ 1,474,617</u>  | <u>\$ 901,679</u>                                | <u>\$ 792,497</u>                                   |   |

(1) The Final Scheduled Payment Date represents final legal maturity of the securitization trust debt. Securitization trust debt is expected to become due and to be paid prior to those dates, based on amortization of the finance receivables pledged to the trusts. Expected payments, which will depend on the performance of such receivables, as to which there can be no assurance, are \$280.0 million in 2013, \$270.0 million in 2014, \$185.0 million in 2015, \$111.6 million in 2016, \$48.0 million in 2017 and \$6.9 million in 2018.

All of the securitization trust debt was sold in private placement transactions to qualified institutional buyers. The debt was issued through our wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries and is secured by the assets of such subsidiaries, but not by our other assets. Principal of \$11.9 million, and the related interest payments, are guaranteed by financial guaranty insurance policies issued by a third party financial institution.

The terms of the securitization agreements related to the issuance of the securitization trust debt and the warehouse credit facilities require that we meet certain delinquency and credit loss criteria with respect to the pool of receivables, and certain of the agreements require that we maintain minimum levels of liquidity and not exceed maximum leverage levels. As of March 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all such covenants. In addition, certain securitization and non-securitization related debt contain cross-default provisions, which would allow certain creditors to declare a default if a default were declared under a different facility.

We are responsible for the administration and collection of the automobile contracts. The securitization agreements also require certain funds be held in restricted cash accounts to provide additional collateral for the borrowings or to be applied to make payments on the securitization trust debt. As of March 31, 2013, restricted cash under the various agreements totaled approximately \$139.1 million. Interest expense on the securitization trust debt consists of the stated rate of interest plus amortization of additional costs of borrowing. Additional costs of borrowing include facility fees, insurance and amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts on notes sold. Deferred financing costs and discounts on notes sold related to the securitization trust debt are amortized using a level yield method. Accordingly, the effective cost of the securitization trust debt is greater than the contractual rate of interest disclosed above.

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Our wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries were formed to facilitate the above asset-backed financing transactions. Similar bankruptcy remote subsidiaries issue the debt outstanding under our credit facilities. Bankruptcy remote refers to a legal structure in which it is expected that the applicable entity would not be included in any bankruptcy filing by its parent or affiliates. All of the assets of these subsidiaries have been pledged as collateral for the related debt. All such transactions, treated as secured financings for accounting and tax purposes, are treated as sales for all other purposes, including legal and bankruptcy purposes. None of the assets of these subsidiaries are available to pay other creditors.

**(5) Debt**

The terms and amounts of our other debt outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are summarized below:

| <u>Description</u>                                 | <u>Interest Rate</u>   | <u>Maturity</u>   | <u>Amount Outstanding at</u>    |                                    |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  |  |   | <u>March 31,</u><br><u>2013</u> | <u>December 31,</u><br><u>2012</u> |
| <u>(In thousands)</u>                              |  |   |                                 |                                    |
| Residual interest financing                        | 12.875% over one month<br>Libor  | September 2013  | \$ 13,773                       | \$ 13,773                          |
| Senior secured debt, related party                 | 16.00%   | December 2013   | 50,789                          | 50,135                             |
| Subordinated renewable notes                       | Weighted average rate of 14.1% and 14.4% at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively | Weighted average maturity of September 2015 and June 2015 at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively   | 23,558                          | 23,281                             |
| Debt secured by receivables measured at fair value | 8.00%  | Repayment is based on payments from underlying receivables. Final payment of the 8.00% note is expected in July 2013, with residual payments extending through 2016 | 40,387                          | 57,107                             |
|  |  |   | <u>\$ 128,507</u>               | <u>\$ 144,296</u>                  |

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, on April 11, 2013 we entered into a new \$20 million five-year residual financing facility secured by eligible residual assets in two previously securitized pools of automobile receivables. On April 12, 2013, we prepaid \$15 million of our senior secured debt and reduced the interest rate on the remaining outstanding amount from 16.00% to 13.00%. The maturity date on the remaining outstanding amount was extended from December 2013 to June 2014.

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**(6) Interest Income and Interest Expense**

The following table presents the components of interest income:

|                                 | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|                                 | <b>March 31,</b>          |                  |
|                                 | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>      |
|                                 | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                  |
| Interest on Finance Receivables | \$ 51,159                 | \$ 40,145        |
| Residual interest income        | -                         | 224              |
| Other interest income           | 9                         | 242              |
| Interest income                 | <u>\$ 51,168</u>          | <u>\$ 40,611</u> |

The following table presents the components of interest expense:

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                  |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |                  |
|   | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>      |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                  |
| Securitization trust debt                 | \$ 9,137                  | \$ 10,020        |
| Warehouse debt                            | 1,282                     | 1,396            |
| Senior secured debt, related party        | 2,764                     | 3,537            |
| Debt secured by receivables at fair value | 1,786                     | 5,790            |
| Residual interest debt                    | 492                       | 748              |
| Subordinated debt                         | 885                       | 818              |
|   | <u>\$ 16,346</u>          | <u>\$ 22,309</u> |

**(7) Earnings Per Share**

Earnings per share for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 were calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the related period. The following table reconciles the number of shares used in the computations of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |               |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |               |
|   | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>   |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |               |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period used to compute basic earnings per share | 20,073                    | 19,416        |
| Incremental common shares attributable to exercise of outstanding options and warrants                          | 11,551                    | 3,185         |
| Weighted average number of common shares used to compute diluted earnings per share                             | <u>31,624</u>             | <u>22,601</u> |

If the anti-dilutive effects of common stock equivalents were considered, shares included in the diluted earnings per share calculation for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 would have included an additional 1.3 million and 3.3 million shares, respectively, attributable to the exercise of outstanding options and warrants.

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**(8) Income Taxes**

We file numerous consolidated and separate income tax returns with the United States and with many states. With few exceptions, we are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, or local examinations by tax authorities for years before 2008.

We do not anticipate that total unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change due to any settlements of audits or expirations of statutes of limitations over the next 12 months.

The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return and combined or stand-alone state franchise tax returns for certain states. We utilize the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes, under which deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to the differences between the financial statement values of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Deferred tax assets are recognized subject to management's judgment that realization is more likely than not. A valuation allowance is recognized for a deferred tax asset if, based on the weight of the available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In making such judgements, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified. As a result of the unprecedented adverse changes in the market for securitizations, the recession and the resulting high levels of unemployment that occurred in 2008 and 2009, we incurred substantial operating losses from 2009 through 2011 which led us to establish a valuation allowance against a substantial portion of our deferred tax assets. However, since the fourth quarter of 2011, we have reported six consecutive quarters of increasing profitability, observed improvement in credit metrics, and produced reliable internal financial projections. Furthermore, we have demonstrated an ability to increase our volumes of contract purchases, grow our managed portfolio and obtain cost effective short and long-term financing for our finance receivables. As a result of these and other factors, we determined at December 31, 2012 that, based on the weight of the available objective evidence, it was more likely than not that we would generate sufficient future taxable income to utilize our net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, we reversed the related valuation allowance of \$62.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Although realization is not assured, we believe that the realization of the recognized net deferred tax asset of \$75.6 million as of March 31, 2013 is more likely than not based on forecasted future net earnings. Our net deferred tax asset of \$75.6 million consists of approximately \$62.4 million of net U.S. federal deferred tax assets and \$13.2 million of net state deferred tax assets. The major components of the deferred tax asset are \$62.5 million in net operating loss carryforwards and built in losses and \$13.1 million in net deductions which have not yet been taken on a tax return. We estimate that we would need to generate approximately \$189 million of taxable income during the applicable carryforward periods to realize fully our federal and state net deferred tax assets.

**(9) Legal Proceedings**

*Stanwich Litigation.* We were for some time a defendant in a class action (the "Stanwich Case") brought in the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County. The original plaintiffs in that case were persons entitled to receive regular payments (the "Settlement Payments") pursuant to earlier settlements of claims, generally personal injury claims, against unrelated defendants. Stanwich Financial Services Corp. ("Stanwich"), an affiliate of the former chairman of our board of directors, is the entity that was obligated to pay the Settlement Payments. Stanwich defaulted on its payment obligations to the plaintiffs and in June 2001 filed for reorganization under the Bankruptcy Code, in the federal bankruptcy court in Connecticut. By February 2005, we had settled all claims brought against us in the Stanwich Case.

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In November 2001, one of the defendants in the Stanwich Case, Jonathan Pardee, asserted claims for indemnity against us in a separate action, which is now pending in federal district court in Rhode Island. We have filed counterclaims in the Rhode Island federal court against Mr. Pardee, and have filed a separate action against Mr. Pardee's Rhode Island attorneys, in the same court. The litigation between Mr. Pardee and us was stayed for several years through September 2011, awaiting resolution of an adversary action brought against Mr. Pardee in the bankruptcy court, which is hearing the bankruptcy of Stanwich.

Pursuant to an agreement with the representative of creditors in the Stanwich bankruptcy, that adversary action has been dismissed. Under that agreement, we paid the bankruptcy estate \$800,000 and abandoned our claims against the estate, while the estate has abandoned its adversary action against Mr. Pardee. With the dismissal of the adversary action, all known claims asserted against Mr. Pardee have been resolved without his incurring any liability. Accordingly, we believe that this resolution of the adversary action will result in limitation of our exposure to Mr. Pardee to no more than some portion of his attorneys fees incurred. The stay in the action against us in Rhode Island has been lifted, and both we and Mr. Pardee filed motions for summary judgment. The court ruled on those motions in February 2013, denying our motion, and granting Mr. Pardee's motion as to liability. The issues remaining for trial are the extent of our obligation to indemnify Mr. Pardee. There is no trial date set, but our expectation is that a trial may be scheduled not earlier than December 2013.

The reader should consider that an adverse judgment against us in the Rhode Island case for indemnification, if in an amount materially in excess of any liability already recorded in respect thereof, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

*Other Litigation*

We are routinely involved in various legal proceedings resulting from our consumer finance activities and practices, both continuing and discontinued. We believe that there are substantive legal defenses to such claims, and intend to defend them vigorously. There can be no assurance, however, as to their outcomes. We have recorded a liability as of March 31, 2013 that we believe represents a correct allowance for legal contingencies. The amount of losses that are at least reasonably possible above what has already been accrued for cannot be estimated. Any adverse judgment against us, if in an amount materially in excess of the recorded liability, could have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

**(10) Employee Benefits**

On March 8, 2002 we acquired MFN Financial Corporation and its subsidiaries in a merger. We sponsor the MFN Financial Corporation Benefit Plan (the "Plan"). Plan benefits were frozen June 30, 2001. The table below sets forth the Plan's net periodic benefit cost for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |               |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>March 31,</b>          |               |
|  | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>   |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |               |
| <b>Components of net periodic cost (benefit)</b> |                           |               |
| Service cost                                     | \$ —                      | \$ —          |
| Interest Cost                                    | 210                       | 220           |
| Expected return on assets                        | (335)                     | (234)         |
| Amortization of transition (asset)/obligation    | —                         | —             |
| Amortization of net (gain) / loss                | 117                       | 157           |
| Net periodic cost (benefit)                      | <u>\$ (8)</u>             | <u>\$ 143</u> |

We did not make any contributions to the Plan during the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 and we anticipate making contributions in the amount of \$494,000 for the remainder of 2013.



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**(11) Fair Value Measurements**

ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements" clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. Under the standard, fair value measurements would be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy.

ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurement and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The three levels are defined as follows: level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets; level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument; and level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

At the time of issuance, five warrants issued between 2008 and 2010 in conjunction with various debt financing transactions contained features that make them subject to derivative accounting. We valued these warrants using a binomial valuation model using a weighted average volatility assumption of 41%, weighted average term of 8 years and a risk free rate of 3.3%. On March 29, 2012 we agreed with the holders to amend three of the five warrants to remove the price reset features that resulted in derivative accounting. On the date of the amendment, we valued each of the three warrants using a binomial pricing model as described above. The aggregate value of the three amended warrants of \$1.1 million was then reclassified from Accounts Payable to Common Stock. On June 25, 2012 we agreed with the holder to amend one other warrant that contained the "down round," or price reset, features to remove those specific price reset terms. The \$250,000 aggregate value of this amended warrant was reclassified from Accounts Payable to Common Stock on the date of the amendment. The fifth warrant with the "down round" feature was exercised on February 22, 2013. The \$583,000 intrinsic value of this warrant was reclassified from Accounts Payable to Common Stock on the date of the exercise. As of March 31, 2013 all five of the warrants issued that previously contained price reset features have either been amended or exercised and are no longer subject to quarterly valuations.

In September 2008 we sold automobile contracts in a securitization that was structured as a sale for financial accounting purposes. In that sale, we retained both securities and a residual interest in the transaction that are measured at fair value. In September 2010 we took advantage of improvement in the market for asset-backed securities by re-securitizing the underlying receivables from our unrated September 2008 securitization. We also sold the securities retained from the September 2008 transaction. We describe below the valuation methodologies we use for the securities retained and the residual interest in the cash flows of the transaction, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. The residual interest in such securitization is \$3.5 million as of March 31, 2013 and \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2012 and is classified as level 3 in the three-level valuation hierarchy. We determine the value of that residual interest using a discounted cash flow model that includes estimates for prepayments and losses. We use a discount rate of 20% per annum and a cumulative net loss rate of 14%. The assumptions we use are based on historical performance of automobile contracts we have originated and serviced in the past, adjusted for current market conditions. No gain or loss was recorded as a result of the re-securitization transaction described above.

In September 2011, we acquired \$217.8 million of finance receivables from Fireside Bank for a purchase price of \$199.6 million. The receivables were acquired by our wholly-owned special purpose subsidiary, CPS Fender Receivables, LLC, which issued a note for \$197.3 million, with a fair value of \$196.5 million. Since the Fireside receivables were originated by another entity with its own underwriting guidelines and procedures, we have elected to account for the Fireside receivables and the related debt secured by those receivables at their estimated fair values so that changes in fair value will be reflected in our results of operations as they occur. Interest income from the receivables and interest expense on the note are included in interest income and interest expense, respectively. Changes to the fair value of the receivables and debt are included in other income. Our level 3, unobservable inputs reflect our own assumptions about the factors that market participants use in pricing similar receivables and debt, and are based on the best information available in the circumstances. They include such inputs as estimated net charge-offs and timing of the amortization of the portfolio of finance receivables. Our estimate of the fair value of the Fireside receivables is performed on a pool basis, rather than separately on each individual receivable. The table below presents a reconciliation of the acquired finance receivables and related debt measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs:

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|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>                             | <b>2012</b> |
|  | <b>(in thousands)</b>                   |             |
| <b>Finance Receivables Measured at Fair Value:</b>                 |   |             |
| Balance at beginning of period                                     | \$ 59,668                               | \$ 160,253  |
| Payments on finance receivables at fair value                      | (16,519)                                | (36,500)    |
| Charge-offs on finance receivables at fair value                   | (1,001)                                 | (2,503)     |
| Discount accretion   | 886                                     | 4,163       |
| Mark to fair value   | (13)                                    | 1,510       |
| Balance at end of period   | \$ 43,021                               | \$ 126,923  |
| <b>Debt Secured by Finance Receivables Measured at Fair Value:</b> |   |             |
| Balance at beginning of period                                     | \$ 57,107                               | \$ 166,828  |
| Principal payments on debt at fair value                           | (17,930)                                | (39,191)    |
| Premium accretion  | 1,104                                   | 2,980       |
| Mark to fair value   | 106                                     | 2,400       |
| Balance at end of period   | 40,387                                  | 133,017     |
| Reduction for principal payments collected and payable             | (5,687)                                 | (13,270)    |
| Adjusted balance at end of period                                  | \$ 34,700                               | \$ 119,747  |

The table below compares the fair values of the Fireside receivables and the related secured debt to their contractual balances for the periods shown:

|  | <b>March 31, 2013</b>          |                       | <b>December 31, 2012</b>       |                       |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>Contractual<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Fair<br/>Value</b> | <b>Contractual<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Fair<br/>Value</b> |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>          |                       |                                |                       |
| Fireside receivables portfolio                 | \$ 43,284                      | \$ 43,021             | \$ 60,804                      | \$ 59,668             |
| Debt secured by Fireside receivables portfolio | 23,466                         | 40,387                | 41,365                         | 57,107                |

Repossessed vehicle inventory, which is included in Other Assets on our balance sheet, is measured at fair value using level 2 assumptions based on our actual loss experience on sale of repossessed vehicles. At March 31, 2013, the finance receivables related to the repossessed vehicles in inventory totaled \$14.2 million. We have applied a valuation adjustment of \$7.2 million, which is based on a recovery rate of 49%, resulting in an estimated fair value and carrying amount of \$7.0 million. The fair value and carrying amount of the repossessed inventory at December 31, 2012 was \$5.7 million after applying a valuation adjustment of \$6.4 million.

There were no transfers in or out of level 1 or level 2 assets and liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012. We have no level 3 assets that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. The table below presents a reconciliation for level 3 assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs:

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|  | Three Months Ended |          |
|--|--------------------|----------|
|  | March 31,          |          |
|  | 2013               | 2012     |
|  | (in thousands)     |          |
| <b>Residual Interest in Securitizations:</b> |                    |          |
| Balance at beginning of period               | \$ 4,824           | \$ 4,414 |
| Cash paid (received) during period           | (1,319)            | (26)     |
| Included in earnings                         | –                  | 224      |
| Balance at end of period                     | \$ 3,505           | \$ 4,612 |

|                                      |        |         |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| <b>Warrant Derivative Liability:</b> |        |         |
| Balance at beginning of period       | \$ 355 | \$ 967  |
| Included in earnings                 | 228    | 203     |
| Reclassification to equity           | (583)  | (1,056) |
| Balance at end of period             | \$ –   | \$ 114  |

The following table provides certain qualitative information about our level 3 fair value measurements for assets and liabilities carried at fair value:

| Financial Instrument                               | Fair Values as of |                      | Valuation Techniques  | Unobservable Inputs         | Inputs as of      |                      |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|  | March 31,<br>2013 | December 31,<br>2012 |                       |                             | March 31,<br>2013 | December 31,<br>2012 |
|  | (In thousands)    |                      |                       |                             |                   |                      |
| <b>Assets:</b>                                     |                   |                      |                       |                             |                   |                      |
| Finance receivables measured at fair value         | \$ 43,021         | \$ 59,668            | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate               | 20.4%             | 20.4%                |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Cumulative net losses       | 5.5%              | 5.5%                 |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Monthly average prepayments | 0.5%              | 0.5%                 |
| Residual interest in securitizations               | 3,505             | 4,824                | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate               | 20.0%             | 20.0%                |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Cumulative net losses       | 14.0%             | 13.5%                |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Monthly average prepayments | 0.5%              | 0.5%                 |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                |                   |                      |                       |                             |                   |                      |
| Warrant derivative liability                       | \$ –              | \$ 355               | Binomial              | Stock price                 | n/a               | \$5.36/sh            |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Volatility                  | n/a               | 40.0%                |
|  |                   |                      |                       | Risk free rate              | n/a               | 1.26%                |
| Debt secured by receivables measured at fair value | 40,387            | 57,107               | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate               | 16.2%             | 16.2%                |

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The estimated fair values of financial assets and liabilities at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, were as follows:

| <u>Financial Instrument</u>                        | <b>As of March 31, 2013</b> |                                |         |           |           |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|  | (In thousands)              |                                |         |           |           |
|  | Carrying Value              | Fair Value Measurements Using: |         |           | Total     |
|  |                             | Level 1                        | Level 2 | Level 3   |           |
| <b>Assets:</b>                                     |                             |                                |         |           |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                          | \$ 13,866                   | \$ 13,866                      | \$ —    | \$ —      | \$ 13,866 |
| Restricted cash and equivalents                    | 139,393                     | 139,393                        | —       | —         | 139,393   |
| Finance receivables, net                           | 832,549                     | —                              | —       | 822,921   | 822,921   |
| Finance receivables measured at fair value         | 43,021                      | —                              | —       | 43,021    | 43,021    |
| Residual interest in securitizations               | 3,505                       | —                              | —       | 3,505     | 3,505     |
| Accrued interest receivable                        | 10,602                      | —                              | —       | 10,602    | 10,602    |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                |                             |                                |         |           |           |
| Warehouse lines of credit                          | \$ 26,676                   | \$ —                           | \$ —    | \$ 26,676 | \$ 26,676 |
| Accrued interest payable                           | 3,077                       | —                              | —       | 3,077     | 3,077     |
| Residual interest financing                        | 13,773                      | —                              | —       | 13,773    | 13,773    |
| Debt secured by receivables measured at fair value | 40,387                      | —                              | —       | 40,387    | 40,387    |
| Securitization trust debt                          | 901,679                     | —                              | —       | 913,591   | 913,591   |
| Senior secured debt                                | 50,789                      | —                              | —       | 50,789    | 50,789    |
| Subordinated renewable notes                       | 23,558                      | —                              | —       | 23,558    | 23,558    |

| <u>Financial Instrument</u>                        | <b>As of December 31, 2012</b> |                                |         |         |           |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | (In thousands)                 |                                |         |         |           |
|  | Carrying Value                 | Fair Value Measurements Using: |         |         | Total     |
|  |                                | Level 1                        | Level 2 | Level 3 |           |
| <b>Assets:</b>                                     |                                |                                |         |         |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                          | \$ 12,966                      | \$ 12,966                      | \$ —    | \$ —    | \$ 12,966 |
| Restricted cash and equivalents                    | 104,445                        | 104,445                        | —       | —       | 104,445   |
| Finance receivables, net                           | 744,749                        | —                              | —       | 740,511 | 740,511   |
| Finance receivables measured at fair value         | 59,668                         | —                              | —       | 59,668  | 59,668    |
| Residual interest in securitizations               | 4,824                          | —                              | —       | 4,824   | 4,824     |
| Accrued interest receivable                        | 10,411                         | —                              | —       | 10,411  | 10,411    |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                |                                |                                |         |         |           |
| Warrant derivative liability                       | \$ 355                         | \$ —                           | \$ —    | \$ 355  | \$ 355    |
| Warehouse lines of credit                          | 21,731                         | —                              | —       | 21,731  | 21,731    |
| Accrued interest payable                           | 2,795                          | —                              | —       | 2,795   | 2,795     |
| Residual interest financing                        | 13,773                         | —                              | —       | 13,773  | 13,773    |
| Debt secured by receivables measured at fair value | 57,107                         | —                              | —       | 57,107  | 57,107    |
| Securitization trust debt                          | 792,497                        | —                              | —       | 803,290 | 803,290   |
| Senior secured debt                                | 50,135                         | —                              | —       | 50,135  | 50,135    |
| Subordinated renewable notes                       | 23,281                         | —                              | —       | 23,281  | 23,281    |

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The following summary presents a description of the methodologies and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of our financial instruments. Much of the information used to determine fair value is highly subjective. When applicable, readily available market information has been utilized. However, for a significant portion of our financial instruments, active markets do not exist. Therefore, significant elements of judgment were required in estimating fair value for certain items. The subjective factors include, among other things, the estimated timing and amount of cash flows, risk characteristics, credit quality and interest rates, all of which are subject to change. Since the fair value is estimated as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the amounts that will actually be realized or paid at settlement or maturity of the instruments could be significantly different.

*Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash and Equivalents*

The carrying value equals fair value.

*Finance Receivables, net*

The fair value of finance receivables is estimated by discounting future cash flows expected to be collected using current rates at which similar receivables could be originated.

*Finance Receivables Measured at Fair Value and Debt Secured by Receivables Measured at Fair Value*

The carrying value equals fair value.

*Residual Interest in Securitizations*

The fair value is estimated by discounting future cash flows using credit and discount rates that we believe reflect the estimated credit, interest rate and prepayment risks associated with similar types of instruments.

*Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable*

The carrying value approximates fair value because the related interest rates are estimated to reflect current market conditions for similar types of instruments.

*Warrant Derivative Liability*

The method used to estimate fair value is described above.

*Warehouse Lines of Credit, Residual Interest Financing, Senior Secured Debt and Subordinated Renewable Notes*

The carrying value approximates fair value because the related interest rates are estimated to reflect current market conditions for similar types of secured instruments.

*Securitization Trust Debt*

The fair value is estimated by discounting future cash flows using interest rates that we believe reflects the current market rates.

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Overview

We are a specialty finance company focused on consumers who have limited credit histories, low incomes or past credit problems, whom we refer to as sub-prime customers. Our business is to purchase and service retail automobile contracts originated primarily by franchised automobile dealers and, to a lesser extent, by select independent dealers in the United States in the sale of new and used automobiles, light trucks and passenger vans. Through our automobile contract purchases, we provide indirect financing to sub-prime customers of dealers. We serve as an alternative source of financing for dealers, facilitating sales to customers who otherwise might not be able to obtain financing from traditional sources, such as commercial banks, credit unions and the captive finance companies affiliated with major automobile manufacturers. In addition to purchasing installment purchase contracts directly from dealers, we have also (i) acquired installment purchase contracts in four merger and acquisition transactions, (ii) purchased immaterial amounts of vehicle purchase money loans from non-affiliated lenders, and (iii) lent money directly to consumers for an immaterial amount of vehicle purchase money loans. In this report, we refer to all of such contracts and loans as "automobile contracts."

We were incorporated and began our operations in March 1991. From inception through March 31, 2013, we have purchased a total of approximately \$9.8 billion of automobile contracts from dealers. In addition, we obtained a total of approximately \$842.0 million of automobile contracts in mergers and acquisitions in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2011. In 2004 and 2009, we were appointed as a third-party servicer for certain portfolios of automobile receivables originated and owned by non-affiliated entities. Beginning in 2008 through the third quarter of 2011, our managed portfolio decreased each year due to our strategy of limiting contract purchases in 2008 and 2009 to conserve our liquidity, as discussed further below. However, since October 2009 we have gradually increased contract purchases, which, in turn has resulted in recent increases to our managed portfolio. Recent contract purchase volumes and managed portfolio levels are shown in the table below:

#### Contract Purchases and Outstanding Managed Portfolio

| Period                       | \$ in thousands               |                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                              | Contracts Purchased in Period | Managed Portfolio at Period End |
| 2008                         | \$ 296,817                    | \$ 1,664,122                    |
| 2009                         | 8,599                         | 1,194,722                       |
| 2010                         | 113,023                       | 756,203                         |
| 2011                         | 284,236                       | 794,649                         |
| 2012                         | 551,743                       | 897,575                         |
| Quarter ended March 31, 2013 | 180,124                       | 968,539                         |

We are headquartered in Irvine, California, where most operational and administrative functions are centralized. Credit and underwriting functions are performed in our California headquarters with certain of these functions also performed in our Florida branch. We service our automobile contracts from our California headquarters and our branches in Virginia, Florida and Illinois.

We purchase contracts in our own name ("CPS") and, until July 2008, also in the name of our wholly-owned subsidiary, TFC. Programs marketed under the CPS name are intended to serve a wide range of sub-prime customers, primarily through franchised new car dealers. Our TFC program served vehicle purchasers enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces, primarily through independent used car dealers. In July 2008, we suspended contract purchases under our TFC program. We purchase automobile contracts with the intention of financing them on a long-term basis through securitizations. Securitizations are transactions in which we sell a specified pool of contracts to a special purpose entity of ours, which in turn issues asset-backed securities to fund the purchase of the pool of contracts from us.

## Securitization and Warehouse Credit Facilities

Throughout the period for which information is presented in this report, we have purchased automobile contracts with the intention of financing them on a long-term basis through securitizations, and on an interim basis through warehouse credit facilities. All such financings have involved identification of specific automobile contracts, sale of those automobile contracts (and associated rights) to one of our special-purpose subsidiaries, and issuance of asset-backed securities or loans to fund the transactions. Depending on the structure, these transactions may properly be accounted for under generally accepted accounting principles as sales of the automobile contracts or as secured financings.

When structured to be treated as a secured financing for accounting purposes, the subsidiary is consolidated with us. Accordingly, the sold automobile contracts and the related debt appear as assets and liabilities, respectively, on our consolidated balance sheet. We then periodically (i) recognize interest and fee income on the contracts, (ii) recognize interest expense on the securities issued in the transaction and (iii) record as expense a provision for credit losses on the contracts.

Since the third quarter of 2003, we have conducted 31 term securitizations. Of these 31, 25 were periodic (generally quarterly) securitizations of automobile contracts that we purchased from automobile dealers under our regular programs. In addition, in March 2004 and November 2005, we completed securitizations of our retained interests in other securitizations that we and our affiliates previously sponsored. The debt from the March 2004 transaction was repaid in August 2005, and the debt from the November 2005 transaction was repaid in May 2007. Also, in June 2004, we completed a securitization of automobile contracts purchased under our TFC program and acquired in a bulk purchase. Further, in December 2005 and May 2007 we completed securitizations that included automobile contracts purchased under the TFC programs, automobile contracts purchased under the CPS programs and automobile contracts we repurchased upon termination of prior securitizations. Since July 2003 all such securitizations have been structured as secured financings, except our September 2008 and September 2010 securitizations. These transactions were in substance sales of the underlying receivables and were treated as sales for financial accounting purposes. The September 2010 securitization was our first securitization since 1993 that did not utilize a financial guaranty for the senior asset-backed notes. Since then we have completed eight senior subordinate securitizations and none have utilized financial guarantees.

Our March 2013 securitization included a pre-funding feature in which a portion of the receivables to be pledged to the trust were not delivered to the trust until after the initial closing. As a result, our restricted cash balance at March 31, 2013 included \$68.7 million from the proceeds of the sale of the asset-backed notes that were held by the trustee pending delivery of the remaining receivables. In April 2013, the requisite additional receivables were delivered to the trust and we received the related restricted cash, most of which was used to repay amounts owed under our warehouse credit facilities.

## Portfolio Acquisitions

As stated above, we have acquired approximately \$822.8 million in finance receivables through four acquisitions. These transactions took place in 2002, 2003, 2004 and September 2011. The September 2011 acquisition consisted of approximately \$217.8 million of finance receivables that we purchased from Fireside Bank of Pleasanton, California.

## Uncertainty of Capital Markets and General Economic Conditions

We depend upon the availability of warehouse credit facilities and access to long-term financing through the issuance of asset-backed securities collateralized by our automobile contracts. Since 1994, we have completed 58 term securitizations of approximately \$7.9 billion in contracts. From the fourth quarter of 2007 through the end of 2009, we observed unprecedented adverse changes in the market for securitized pools of automobile contracts. These changes included reduced liquidity, and reduced demand for asset-backed securities, particularly for securities carrying a financial guaranty and for securities backed by sub-prime automobile receivables. Moreover, during that period many of the firms that previously provided financial guarantees, which were an integral part of our securitizations, suspended offering such guarantees. These adverse changes caused us to conserve liquidity by significantly reducing our purchases of automobile contracts. However, since October 2009 we have established new funding facilities and gradually increased our contract purchases and the frequency and amount of our term securitizations. Our recent history of term securitizations is summarized in the table below:

### Recent Asset-Backed Term Securitizations

| Period                       | <i>\$ in thousands</i>            |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                              | Number of Term<br>Securitizations | Amount of Term<br>Securitizations |
| 2006                         | 4                                 | \$ 957.7                          |
| 2007                         | 3                                 | 1,118.1                           |
| 2008                         | 2                                 | 509.0                             |
| 2009                         | 0                                 | —                                 |
| 2010                         | 1                                 | 103.8                             |
| 2011                         | 3                                 | 335.6                             |
| 2012                         | 4                                 | 603.5                             |
| Quarter ended March 31, 2013 | 1                                 | 185.0                             |

Our 2012 securitizations included \$58.2 million in contracts that were repurchased from 2006 and 2007 securitizations during 2012. Since 2011 all of our securitizations have been structured as secured financings and none utilized financial guarantees.

Our current short-term funding capacity is \$200 million, comprising two credit facilities. The first \$100 million credit facility was established in December 2010. This facility was renewed in March 2013, extending the revolving period to March 2015, and adding an amortization period through March 2017. Our second \$100 million credit facility was established in May 2012 and matures in May 2013.

#### Financial Covenants

Certain of our securitization transactions, our warehouse credit facilities and our residual interest financing contain various financial covenants requiring certain minimum financial ratios and results. Such covenants include maintaining minimum levels of liquidity and net worth and not exceeding maximum leverage levels. As of March 31, 2013 we were in compliance with all such covenants. In addition, certain securitization and non-securitization related debt contain cross-default provisions that would allow certain creditors to declare a default if a default occurred under a different facility.

#### Results of Operations

##### *Comparison of Operating Results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 with the three months ended March 31, 2012*

**Revenues.** During the three months ended March 31, 2013, revenues were \$54.6 million, an increase of \$10.1 million, or 22.6%, from the prior year revenue of \$44.5 million. The primary reason for the increase in revenues is an increase in interest income. Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased \$10.6 million, or 26.0%, to \$51.2 million from \$40.6 million in the prior year. The primary reason for the increase in interest income is the increase in finance receivables held by consolidated subsidiaries, which increased from \$721.6 million at March 31, 2012 to \$948.0 million at March 31, 2013. The table below shows the average balances of our portfolio held by consolidated subsidiaries for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:



|   | Average Balances for the Three Months Ended |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
|   | March 31, 2013                              | March 31, 2012  |
|   | Amount                                      | Amount          |
| (\$ in millions)  |   |                 |
| <b>Finance Receivables Owned by Consolidated Subsidiaries</b> |   |                 |
| CPS Originated Receivables                                    | \$ 871.8                                    | \$ 570.9        |
| Fireside  | 49.0  | 146.6           |
| Total   | <u>\$ 920.8</u>                             | <u>\$ 717.5</u> |

Servicing fees totaling \$909,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased \$108,000, or 13.5%, from \$801,000 in the prior year. We earn base servicing fees on two portfolios that are amortizing and provide us with less base servicing fees each period. On one of such portfolios, however, we recently began earning an incentive servicing fee. Such incentive servicing fee was \$463,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and more than offset the decrease of \$356,000 in base servicing fees. We did not earn any incentive servicing fee in the prior year's period. As of March 31, 2013 and 2012, our managed portfolio owned by consolidated vs. non-consolidated subsidiaries and other third parties was as follows:

|  | March 31, 2013  |               | March 31, 2012  |               |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  | Amount (1)      | %(2)          | Amount (1)      | %(2)          |
| (\$ in millions)                       |                 |               |                 |               |
| <b>Total Managed Portfolio</b>         |                 |               |                 |               |
| Owned by Consolidated Subsidiaries     |                 |               |                 |               |
| CPS Originated Receivables             | \$ 904.7        | 93.4%         | \$ 588.4        | 75.3%         |
| Fireside                               | 43.3            | 4.5%          | 133.2           | 17.0%         |
| Owned by Non-Consolidated Subsidiaries | 12.3            | 1.3%          | 34.4            | 4.4%          |
| Third-Party Servicing Portfolios       | 8.2             | 0.8%          | 25.8            | 3.3%          |
| Total                                  | <u>\$ 968.5</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 781.8</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

(1) Contractual balances.

(2) Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

At March 31, 2013, we were generating income and fees on a managed portfolio with an outstanding principal balance of \$968.5 million (this amount includes \$12.3 million of automobile contracts on which we earn servicing fees and own a residual interest and also includes another \$8.2 million of automobile contracts on which we earn base and incentive servicing fees), compared to a managed portfolio with an outstanding principal balance of \$781.8 million as of March 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013 and 2012, the managed portfolio composition was as follows:

|                           | March 31, 2013  |               | March 31, 2012  |               |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                           | Amount (1)      | %(2)          | Amount (1)      | %(2)          |
| (\$ in millions)          |                 |               |                 |               |
| <b>Originating Entity</b> |                 |               |                 |               |
| CPS                       | \$ 917.0        | 94.7%         | \$ 621.7        | 79.5%         |
| Fireside                  | 43.3            | 4.5%          | 133.2           | 25.5%         |
| TFC                       | -               | 0.0%          | 1.1             | 0.2%          |
| Third Party Portfolio     | 8.2             | 0.8%          | 25.8            | 3.3%          |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 968.5</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 781.8</u> | <u>108.5%</u> |

(1) Contractual balances.

(2) Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Other income decreased by \$589,000, or 19.0%, to \$2.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 from \$3.1 million during the prior year. This decrease is the combination of a \$475,000 mark down of the fair value of the receivables and debt associated with the Fireside Bank portfolio acquisition, decreases of \$46,000 in recoveries on receivables from the 2002 acquisition of MFN Financial Corporation, and a decrease of \$145,000 in remittances from third-party providers of convenience fees paid by our customers for web based and other electronic payments. These decreases in other income were partially offset by an increase of \$78,000 in income from direct mail and other related products and services that we offer to our dealers.

*Expenses.* Our operating expenses consist largely of provision for credit losses, interest expense, employee costs and general and administrative expenses. Provision for credit losses and interest expense are significantly affected by the volume of automobile contracts we purchased during the 12-month trailing period and by the outstanding balance of finance receivables held by consolidated subsidiaries. Employee costs and general and administrative expenses are incurred as applications and automobile contracts are received, processed and serviced. Factors that affect margins and net income include changes in the automobile and automobile finance market environments, and macroeconomic factors such as interest rates and changes in the unemployment level.

Employee costs include base salaries, commissions and bonuses paid to employees, and certain expenses related to the accounting treatment of outstanding stock options, and are one of our most significant operating expenses. These costs (other than those relating to stock options) generally fluctuate with the level of applications and automobile contracts processed and serviced.

Other operating expenses consist largely of facilities expenses, telephone and other communication services, credit services, computer services, marketing and advertising expenses, and depreciation and amortization.

Total operating expenses were \$48.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$44.0 million for the prior year, an increase of \$4.1 million, or 9.2%. The increase is primarily due to the increase in the amount of new contracts we purchased, the resulting increase in our consolidated portfolio and the related increase in our provision for credit losses. Increases in provision for credit losses were somewhat offset by decreases in interest expense.

Employee costs increased by \$78,000 or 0.9%, to \$8.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013, representing 18.6% of total operating expenses, from \$8.8 million for the prior year, or 20.2% of total operating expenses. Since 2010, we have added employees in our Originations and Marketing departments to accommodate the increase in contract purchases. These additions have offset reductions in our Servicing department staff that have resulted from decreases in the number of accounts in our managed portfolio. The table below summarizes our employees by category as well as contract purchases and units in our managed portfolio as of, and for the three-month periods, ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

|   | <b>March 31, 2013</b>   | <b>March 31, 2012</b> |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>Amount</b>           | <b>Amount</b>         |
|   | <b>(\$ in millions)</b> |                       |
| Contracts purchased (dollars)           | \$ 180.1                | \$ 119.9              |
| Contracts purchased (units)             | 11,691                  | 7,942                 |
| Managed portfolio outstanding (dollars) | \$ 968.5                | \$ 781.8              |
| Managed portfolio outstanding (units)   | 91,044                  | 100,345               |
| Number of Originations staff            | 138                     | 111                   |
| Number of Marketing staff               | 89                      | 65                    |
| Number of Servicing staff               | 286                     | 316                   |
| Number of other staff                   | 60                      | 56                    |
| Total number of employees               | <u>573</u>              | <u>548</u>            |

General and administrative expenses include costs associated with purchasing and servicing our portfolio of finance receivables, including expenses for facilities, credit services, and telecommunications. General and administrative expenses were \$3.8 million, a decrease of 16.5%, compared to the previous year and represented 7.8% of total operating expenses.

Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013 decreased by \$5.9 million to \$16.3 million, or 26.7%, compared to \$22.3 million in the previous year. Interest expense on the Fireside portfolio credit facility decreased by \$4.0 million compared to the prior period as the Fireside portfolio and the related debt have paid down to significantly lower levels over the last year.

Interest on securitization trust debt decreased by \$1.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the prior year. Although the outstanding amount of securitization trust debt increased to \$901.7 million at March 31, 2013 compared to \$792.5 million at March 31, 2012, the blended interest rates on our 2012 term securitizations are significantly less than the blended interest rates on securitization trust debt incurred prior to 2012.

Interest expense on senior secured and subordinated debt increased by \$502,000. Interest expense on residual interest financing decreased \$256,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the prior year as a result of principal amortization.

Interest expense on warehouse debt decreased by \$114,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the prior year. Although we increased our contract purchases to \$180.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$119.9 million in the prior period, recently we have relied less on warehouse credit facilities and instead have used more of our unrestricted cash balances to hold receivables prior to securitization.

The interest expense related to the value of outstanding derivative warrants resulted in an increase of \$25,000 in interest expense. In February 2013, the remaining derivative warrant was exercised, which should result in no future interest expense related to derivative warrants.

Provision for credit losses was \$15.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013, an increase of \$10.3 million, or 213.2% compared to the prior year and represented 31.5% of total operating expenses. The provision for credit losses maintains the allowance for loan losses at levels that we feel are adequate for probable incurred credit losses that can be reasonably estimated. Our approach for establishing the allowance incorporates greater amounts of provision for credit losses early in the terms of our finance receivables. Consequently, the increase in provision expense is the result of the increase in our contract purchases during the last year and the increase size of the portfolio owned by our consolidated subsidiaries compared to the prior year.

Marketing expenses consist primarily of commission-based compensation paid to our employee marketing representatives. Our marketing representatives earn a salary plus commissions based on volume of contract purchases and sales of ancillary products and services that we offer our dealers, such as training programs, internet lead sales, and direct mail products. Marketing expenses increased by \$562,000, or 21.4%, to \$3.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$2.6 million in the prior year period, and represented 6.6% of total operating expenses. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, we purchased 11,691 contracts representing \$180.1 million in receivables in the current period compared to 7,942 contracts representing \$119.9 million in receivables in the prior year.

Occupancy expenses decreased by \$177,000 or 24.6%, to \$544,000 compared to \$721,000 in the previous year and represented 1.1% of total operating expenses.

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased by \$9,000 or 5.6%, to \$143,000 compared to \$152,000 in the previous year and represented 0.2% of total operating expenses.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, we recorded tax expense of \$2.7 million. In the prior year period, we recorded no net tax expense and reduced our valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets by \$195,000.

## Credit Experience

Our financial results are dependent on the performance of the automobile contracts in which we retain an ownership interest. Broad economic factors such as recession and significant changes in unemployment levels influence the credit performance of our portfolio, as does the weighted average age of the receivables at any given time. Our internal credit performance data consistently show that new receivables have lower levels of delinquency and losses early in their lives, with delinquencies increasing throughout their lives and monthly losses as a percentage of the balance outstanding gradually increasing to a peak between 36 and 42 months, after which they gradually decrease. The weighted average seasoning of our portfolio represented in the tables below (excluding the Fireside portfolio) was 14 months, 36 months and 18 months as of March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012, and December 31, 2012, respectively. The tables below document the delinquency, repossession and net credit loss experience of all such automobile contracts that we were servicing and owned as of the respective dates shown. The tables do not include the experience of third party servicing portfolios.

### Delinquency Experience (1) Total Owned Portfolio Excluding Fireside

|   | March 31, 2013      |            | March 31, 2012      |            | December 31, 2012   |            |
|---|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|   | Number of Contracts | Amount     | Number of Contracts | Amount     | Number of Contracts | Amount     |
| (Dollars in thousands)  |                     |            |                     |            |                     |            |
| <b>Delinquency Experience</b>   |                     |            |                     |            |                     |            |
| Gross servicing portfolio (1)   | 77,868              | \$ 917,025 | 68,975              | \$ 622,807 | 74,124              | \$ 825,186 |
| <b>Period of delinquency (2)</b>  |                     |            |                     |            |                     |            |
| 31-60 days  | 1,719               | 13,121     | 1,081               | 5,962      | 2,545               | 18,034     |
| 61-90 days  | 907                 | 6,692      | 567                 | 3,823      | 1,179               | 9,360      |
| 91+ days  | 433                 | 3,103      | 515                 | 3,377      | 773                 | 5,297      |
| Total delinquencies (2)   | 3,059               | 22,916     | 2,163               | 13,162     | 4,497               | 32,691     |
| Amount in repossession (3)  | 1,933               | 14,551     | 1,932               | 9,204      | 1,932               | 12,506     |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession (2)  | 4,992               | \$ 37,467  | 4,095               | \$ 22,366  | 6,429               | \$ 45,197  |
| Delinquencies as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio                                  | 3.9%                | 2.5%       | 3.1%                | 2.1%       | 6.1%                | 4.0%       |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio | 6.4%                | 4.1%       | 5.9%                | 3.6%       | 8.7%                | 5.5%       |
| <b>Extension Experience</b>   |                     |            |                     |            |                     |            |
| Contracts with one extension, accruing  | 9,475               | \$ 89,931  | 11,093              | \$ 65,260  | 9,094               | \$ 73,632  |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, accruing   | 6,902               | 38,547     | 10,701              | 62,170     | 7,795               | 37,761     |
|   | 16,377              | 128,478    | 21,794              | 127,430    | 16,889              | 111,393    |
| Contracts with one extension, non-accrual   | 507                 | 4,090      | 640                 | 2,982      | 632                 | 4,401      |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, non-accrual  | 644                 | 2,576      | 996                 | 5,382      | 1,044               | 4,344      |
|   | 1,151               | 6,666      | 1,636               | 8,364      | 1,676               | 8,745      |
| Total contracts with extensions   | 17,528              | \$ 135,144 | 23,430              | \$ 135,794 | 18,565              | \$ 120,138 |

**Delinquency Experience (1)**  
**Fireside Portfolio**

|   | March 31, 2013         |           | March 31, 2012         |            | December 31, 2012      |           |
|---|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|
|   | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount    | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount     | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount    |
| <b>Delinquency Experience</b>   |                        |           |                        |            |                        |           |
| Gross servicing portfolio (1)   | 11,374                 | \$ 43,284 | 38,580                 | \$ 211,045 | 15,039                 | \$ 60,807 |
| Period of delinquency (2)   |                        |           |                        |            |                        |           |
| 31-60 days  | 319                    | 1,054     | 2,188                  | 11,132     | 621                    | 2,206     |
| 61-90 days  | 132                    | 414       | 538                    | 2,460      | 204                    | 710       |
| 91+ days  | 74                     | 210       | 232                    | 1,178      | 114                    | 331       |
| Total delinquencies (2)   | 525                    | 1,678     | 2,958                  | 14,770     | 939                    | 3,247     |
| Amount in repossession (3)  | 142                    | 568       | 130                    | 990        | 175                    | 703       |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession (2)  | 667                    | \$ 2,246  | 3,088                  | \$ 15,760  | 1,114                  | \$ 3,950  |
| Delinquencies as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio                                  | 4.6                    | 3.9%      | 7.7%                   | 7.0%       | 6.2%                   | 5.3%      |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio | 5.9                    | 5.2%      | 8.0%                   | 7.5%       | 7.4%                   | 6.5%      |
| <b>Extension Experience</b>   |                        |           |                        |            |                        |           |
| Contracts with one extension, accruing  | 2,683                  | \$ 12,196 | 1,576                  | \$ 9,524   | 3,117                  | \$ 15,262 |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, accruing   | 326                    | 1,786     | 12                     | 54         | 134                    | 717       |
|   | 3,009                  | 13,982    | 1,588                  | 9,578      | 3,251                  | 15,979    |
| Contracts with one extension, non-accrual   | 109                    | 396       | 36                     | 213        | 160                    | 726       |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, non-accrual  | 5                      | 29        | –                      | –          | 6                      | 20        |
|   | 114                    | 425       | 36                     | 213        | 166                    | 746       |
| Total contracts with extensions   | 3,123                  | \$ 14,407 | 1,624                  | \$ 9,791   | 3,417                  | \$ 16,725 |

**Delinquency Experience (1)**  
**Total Owned Portfolio**

|   | March 31, 2013         |            | March 31, 2012         |            | December 31, 2012      |            |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
|   | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount     | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount     | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount     |
| <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>   |                        |            |                        |            |                        |            |
| <b>Delinquency Experience</b>   |                        |            |                        |            |                        |            |
| Gross servicing portfolio (1)   | 89,242                 | \$ 960,310 | 96,218                 | \$ 756,016 | 89,163                 | \$ 885,993 |
| Period of delinquency (2)   |                        |            |                        |            |                        |            |
| 31-60 days  | 2,038                  | 14,175     | 1,492                  | 7,637      | 3,166                  | 20,240     |
| 61-90 days  | 1,039                  | 7,376      | 769                    | 4,605      | 1,383                  | 10,070     |
| 91+ days  | 507                    | 3,313      | 639                    | 3,862      | 887                    | 5,629      |
| Total delinquencies (2)   | 3,584                  | 24,864     | 2,900                  | 16,104     | 5,436                  | 35,939     |
| Amount in repossession (3)  | 2,075                  | 15,119     | 2,189                  | 10,455     | 2,107                  | 13,209     |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession (2)  | 5,659                  | \$ 39,983  | 5,089                  | \$ 26,559  | 7,543                  | \$ 49,148  |
| Delinquencies as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio                                  | 4.0%                   | 2.6%       | 3.0%                   | 2.1%       | 6.1%                   | 4.1%       |
| Total delinquencies and amount in repossession as a percentage of gross servicing portfolio | 6.3%                   | 4.2%       | 5.3%                   | 3.5%       | 8.5%                   | 5.5%       |
| <b>Extension Experience</b>   |                        |            |                        |            |                        |            |
| Contracts with one extension, accruing  | 12,158                 | \$ 79,527  | 12,669                 | \$ 71,784  | 12,211                 | \$ 88,894  |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, accruing   | 7,228                  | 45,033     | 10,713                 | 65,224     | 7,929                  | 38,478     |
|   | 19,386                 | 124,560    | 23,382                 | 137,008    | 20,140                 | 127,372    |
| Contracts with one extension, non-accrual   | 705                    | 4,090      | 676                    | 3,018      | 792                    | 5,127      |
| Contracts with two or more extensions, non-accrual  | 864                    | 3,941      | 996                    | 5,559      | 1,050                  | 4,364      |
|   | 1,569                  | 8,031      | 1,672                  | 8,577      | 1,842                  | 9,491      |
|   | 20,955                 | \$ 132,591 | 25,054                 | \$ 145,585 | 21,982                 | \$ 136,863 |

(1) All amounts and percentages are based on the amount remaining to be repaid on each automobile contract, including, for pre-computed automobile contracts, any unearned interest. The information in the table represents the gross principal amount of all automobile contracts we have purchased, including automobile contracts subsequently sold to or financed in securitization transactions that we continue to service.

(2) We consider an automobile contract delinquent when an obligor fails to make at least 90% of a contractually due payment by the following due date, which date may have been extended within limits specified in the Servicing Agreements. The period of delinquency is based on the number of days payments are contractually past due, as extended where applicable. Automobile contracts less than 31 days delinquent are not included.

(3) Amount in repossession represents financed vehicles that have been repossessed but not yet liquidated.

**Net Charge-Off Experience (1) (3)  
Total Owned Portfolio Excluding Fireside**

|   | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b>     | <b>March 31,<br/>2012</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                           |                              |
| Average servicing portfolio outstanding                                       | \$ 885,741                    | \$ 608,240                | \$ 699,030                   |
| Annualized net charge-offs as a percentage of average servicing portfolio (2) | 4.2%                          | 3.6%                      | 3.5%                         |

**Net Charge-Off Experience (1) (3)  
Fireside Portfolio**

|   | <b>March<br/>2013</b>         | <b>March<br/>2012</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                       |                              |
| Average servicing portfolio outstanding                                       | \$ 49,000                     | \$ 146,566            | \$ 103,548                   |
| Annualized net charge-offs as a percentage of average servicing portfolio (2) | 4.9%                          | 5.0%                  | 4.5%                         |

**Net Charge-Off Experience (1)  
Total Owned Portfolio Including Fireside**

|   | <b>March<br/>2013</b>         | <b>March<br/>2012</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                       |                              |
| Average servicing portfolio outstanding                                       | \$ 934,742                    | \$ 754,805            | \$ 802,579                   |
| Annualized net charge-offs as a percentage of average servicing portfolio (2) | 4.2%                          | 3.9%                  | 3.6%                         |

(1) All amounts and percentages are based on the principal amount scheduled to be paid on each automobile contract, net of unearned income on pre-computed automobile contracts.

(2) Net charge-offs include the remaining principal balance, after the application of the net proceeds from the liquidation of the vehicle (excluding accrued and unpaid interest) and amounts collected subsequent to the date of charge-off, including some recoveries which have been classified as other income in the accompanying interim financial statements. March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012 percentage represents three months ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012 annualized. December 31, 2012 represents 12 months ended December 31, 2012.

**Extensions**

In certain circumstances we will grant obligors one-month payment extensions to assist them with temporary cash flow problems. In general, an obligor would not be entitled to more than two such extensions in any 12-month period and no more than six over the life of the contract. The only modification of terms is to advance the obligor's next due date by one month and extend the maturity date of the receivable by one month. In some cases, a two-month extension may be granted. There are no other concessions such as a reduction in interest rate, forgiveness of principal or of accrued interest. Accordingly, we consider such extensions to be insignificant delays in payments rather than troubled debt restructurings.

The basic question in deciding to grant an extension is whether or not we will (a) be delaying the inevitable repossession and liquidation or (b) risk losing the vehicle as a result of not being able to locate the obligor and vehicle. In both of those situations, the loss would likely be higher than if the vehicle had been repossessed without the extension. The benefits of granting an extension include minimizing current losses and delinquencies, minimizing lifetime losses, getting the obligor's account current (or close to it) and building goodwill with the obligor so that he might prioritize us over other creditors on future payments. Our servicing staff are trained to identify when a past due obligor is facing a temporary problem that may be resolved with an extension. In most cases, the extension will be granted in conjunction with our receiving a past due payment (and where allowed by law, a nominal fee) from the obligor, thereby indicating an additional monetary and psychological commitment to the contract on the obligor's part.

The credit assessment for granting an extension is initially made by our collector, who bases the recommendation on the collector's discussions with the obligor. In such assessments the collector will consider, among other things, the following factors: (1) the reason the obligor has fallen behind in payment; (2) whether or not the reason for the delinquency is temporary, and if it is, have conditions changed such that the obligor can begin making regular monthly payments again after the extension; (3) the obligor's past payment history, including past extensions if applicable; and (4) the obligor's willingness to communicate and cooperate on resolving the delinquency. If the collector believes the obligor is a good candidate for an extension, he must obtain approval from his supervisor, who will review the same factors stated above prior to offering the extension to the obligor. After receiving an extension, an account remains subject to our normal policies and procedures for interest accrual, reporting delinquency and recognizing charge-offs.

We believe that a prudent extension program is an integral component to mitigating losses in our portfolio of sub-prime automobile receivables. The table below summarizes the status, as of March 31, 2013, for accounts that received extensions from 2008 through 2011 (2012 and 2013 data are not included at this time due to insufficient passage of time for meaningful evaluation of results):

| <u>Period of Extension</u> | <u># Extensions Granted</u> | <u>Active or Paid Off at March 31, 2013</u> | <u>% Active or Paid Off at Sept. 30, 2012</u> | <u>Charged Off &gt; 6 Months After Extension</u> | <u>% Charged Off &gt; 6 Months After Extension</u> | <u>Charged Off &lt;= 6 Months After Extension</u> | <u>% Charged Off &lt;= 6 Months After Extension</u> | <u>Avg Months to Charge Off Post Extension</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 2008                       | 35,588                      | 11,948                                      | 33.6%   | 18,821   | 52.9%  | 4,819   | 13.5%   | 17   |
| 2009                       | 32,004                      | 11,968                                      | 37.4%   | 14,272   | 44.6%  | 5,764   | 18.0%   | 14   |
| 2010                       | 22,593                      | 12,290                                      | 54.4%   | 8,030  | 35.5%  | 1,643   | 7.3%  | 14   |
| 2011                       | 17,001                      | 12,681                                      | 74.6%   | 3,535  | 20.8%  | 785   | 4.6%  | 12   |

*Table excludes extensions on portfolios serviced for third parties.*

We view these results as a confirmation of the effectiveness of our extension program. For the accounts receiving extensions in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, 33.6%, 37.4%, 54.4% and 74.6%, respectively, were either paid in full or active and performing at March 31, 2013. Each of these successful accounts represent continued payments of interest and principal (including payment in full in many cases), where without the extension we likely would have incurred a substantial loss and no interest revenue subsequent to the extension.

For the extension accounts that ultimately charge off, we consider any that charged off more than six months after the extension to be at least partially successful. For the 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 extensions, of the accounts that charged off, the charge off was incurred, on average, 17, 14, 14 and 12 months, respectively, after the extension, indicating that even in the cases of an ultimate loss, the obligor serviced the account with additional payments of principal and interest.



Additional information about our extensions is provided in the tables below:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |        | Year Ended<br>December 31, |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
|   | 2013                            | 2012   | 2012                       |
| Average number of extensions granted per month          | 1,544                           | 1,422  | 1,493                      |
| Average number of outstanding accounts                  | 89,183                          | 98,430 | 93,022                     |
| Average monthly extensions as % of average outstandings | 1.7%                            | 1.4%   | 1.6%                       |

Table excludes extensions on Fireside portfolio and portfolios serviced for third parties.

|                                 | March 31, 2013         |                   | March 31, 2012         |                   | December 31, 2012      |                   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                                 | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount            | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount            | Number of<br>Contracts | Amount            |
| (Dollars in thousands)          |                        |                   |                        |                   |                        |                   |
| Contracts with one extension    | 9,982                  | \$ 94,021         | 11,733                 | \$ 68,242         | 9,726                  | \$ 78,033         |
| Contracts with two extensions   | 3,869                  | 19,616            | 6,972                  | 40,059            | 4,664                  | 22,485            |
| Contracts with three extensions | 2,395                  | 10,313            | 3,467                  | 20,022            | 2,819                  | 13,086            |
| Contracts with four extensions  | 1,014                  | 4,516             | 1,115                  | 6,560             | 1,134                  | 5,370             |
| Contracts with five extensions  | 236                    | 1,128             | 123                    | 771               | 196                    | 1,038             |
| Contracts with six extensions   | 32                     | 151               | 20                     | 140               | 26                     | 126               |
|                                 | <u>17,528</u>          | <u>\$ 129,745</u> | <u>23,430</u>          | <u>\$ 135,794</u> | <u>18,565</u>          | <u>\$ 120,138</u> |
| Gross servicing portfolio       | 77,868                 | \$ 917,025        | 68,975                 | \$ 622,807        | 74,124                 | \$ 825,186        |

Table excludes extensions on Fireside portfolio and portfolios serviced for third parties.

#### Non-Accrual Receivables

It is not uncommon for our obligors to fall behind in their payments. However, with the diligent efforts of our Servicing staff and systems for managing our collection efforts, we regularly work with our customers to resolve delinquencies. Our staff is trained to employ a counseling approach to assist our customers with their cash flow management skills and help them to prioritize their payment obligations in order to avoid losing their vehicle to repossession. Through our experience, we have learned that once a customer becomes greater than 90 days past due, it is not likely that the delinquency will be resolved and will ultimately result in a charge-off. As a result, we do not recognize any interest income or retain on our balance sheet any accrued interest for contracts that are greater than 90 days past due.

If a contract exceeds the 90 days past due threshold at the end of one period, and then makes the necessary payments such that it becomes less than or equal to 90 days delinquent at the end of a subsequent period, it would be restored to full accrual status for our financial reporting purposes. At the time a contract is restored to full accrual in this manner, there can be no assurance that full repayment of interest and principal will ultimately be made. However, we monitor each obligor's payment performance and are aware of the severity of his delinquency at any time. The fact that the delinquency has been reduced below the 90-day threshold is a positive indicator. Should the contract again exceed the 90-day delinquency level at the end of any reporting period, it would again be reflected as a non-accrual account.

Our policy for placing a contract on non-accrual status is independent of our policy to grant an extension. In practice, it would be an uncommon circumstance where an extension was granted and the account remained in a non-accrual status, since the goal of the extension is to bring the contract current (or nearly current).

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our business requires substantial cash to support our purchases of automobile contracts and other operating activities. Our primary sources of cash have been cash flows from operating activities, including proceeds from term securitization transactions and other sales of automobile contracts, amounts borrowed under various revolving credit facilities (also sometimes known as warehouse credit facilities), servicing fees on portfolios of automobile contracts previously sold in securitization transactions or serviced for third parties, customer payments of principal and interest on finance receivables, fees for origination of automobile contracts, and releases of cash from securitization transactions and their related spread accounts. Our primary uses of cash have been the purchases of automobile contracts, repayment of amounts borrowed under lines of credit and otherwise, operating expenses such as employee, interest, occupancy expenses and other general and administrative expenses, the establishment of spread accounts and initial overcollateralization, if any, and the increase of credit enhancement to required levels in securitization transactions, and income taxes. There can be no assurance that internally generated cash will be sufficient to meet our cash demands. The sufficiency of internally generated cash will depend on the performance of securitized pools (which determines the level of releases from those pools and their related spread accounts), the rate of expansion or contraction in our managed portfolio, and the terms upon which we are able to acquire and borrow against automobile contracts.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was \$21.0 million compared to net cash provided by operating activities for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012 of \$4.5 million. Cash provided by operating activities is significantly affected by our net income, or loss, before provisions for credit losses.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was \$115.4 million compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$27.9 million in the prior year period. Cash provided by investing activities primarily results from principal payments and other proceeds received on finance receivables held for investment and reductions in restricted cash. Cash used in investing activities generally relates to purchases of automobile contracts. Purchases of finance receivables held for investment were \$180.1 million and \$119.9 million during the first three months of 2013 and 2012, respectively. The significant change from the prior year is largely attributable to the increase in our purchases of finance receivables, net of payments. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, purchases of finance receivables net of payments resulted in net cash used of \$97.9 million, compared to the prior year when net purchases of finance receivables were approximately the same as payments.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$95.2 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$31.9 million in the prior year period. Cash provided by financing activities is primarily related to the issuance of securitization trust debt, reduced by the amount of repayment of securitization trust debt and net proceeds or repayments on our warehouse lines of credit. In the first three months of 2013, we issued \$185.0 million in new securitization trust debt compared to \$155.0 million in the same period of 2012. In addition, we repaid \$76.1 million in securitization trust debt and \$17.9 million in debt associated with the Fireside Bank portfolio in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to repayments of securitization trust debt of \$138.9 million and repayment of \$39.2 million in debt associated with the Fireside Bank portfolio in the prior year period. In the three months ended March 31, 2013, we received net proceeds from our warehouse lines of credit of \$4.9 million, compared to net proceeds of \$3.5 million in the prior year's period. In addition, in the prior year period, we repaid \$3.9 million and \$5.6 million of our residual interest financing debt and senior secured related party debt, respectively, compared to no repayments of such debt in the current period.

We purchase automobile contracts from dealers for a cash price approximating their principal amount, adjusted for an acquisition fee which may either increase or decrease the automobile contract purchase price. Those automobile contracts generate cash flow, however, over a period of years. As a result, we have been dependent on warehouse credit facilities to purchase automobile contracts, and on the availability of cash from outside sources in order to finance our continuing operations, as well as to fund the portion of automobile contract purchase prices not financed under revolving warehouse credit facilities.

The acquisition of automobile contracts for subsequent financing in securitization transactions, and the need to fund spread accounts and initial overcollateralization, if any, and increase credit enhancement levels when those transactions take place, results in a continuing need for capital. The amount of capital required is most heavily dependent on the rate of our automobile contract purchases, the required level of initial credit enhancement in securitizations, and the extent to which the previously established trusts and their related spread accounts either release cash to us or capture cash from collections on securitized automobile contracts. Of those, the factor most subject to our control is the rate at which we purchase automobile contracts.

We are and may in the future be limited in our ability to purchase automobile contracts due to limits on our capital. As of March 31, 2013, we had unrestricted cash of \$13.9 million. We had \$100.0 million available under one warehouse credit facility and \$73.3 million available under our second warehouse credit facility (such figures assume the availability of sufficient eligible collateral). During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, we completed one securitization aggregating \$185.0 million of receivables, and we intend to continue completing securitizations regularly during 2013, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so. Our plans to manage our liquidity include maintaining our rate of automobile contract purchases at a level that matches our available capital, and, as appropriate, minimizing our operating costs. If we are unable to complete such securitizations, we may be unable to increase our rate of automobile contract purchases, in which case our interest income and other portfolio related income would decrease.

Our liquidity will also be affected by releases of cash from the trusts established with our securitizations. While the specific terms and mechanics of each spread account vary among transactions, our securitization agreements generally provide that we will receive excess cash flows, if any, only if the amount of credit enhancement has reached specified levels and the delinquency, defaults or net losses related to the automobile contracts in the pool are below certain predetermined levels. In the event delinquencies, defaults or net losses on the automobile contracts exceed such levels, the terms of the securitization: (i) may require increased credit enhancement to be accumulated for the particular pool; or (ii) in certain circumstances, may permit the the transfer of servicing on some or all of the automobile contracts to another servicer. There can be no assurance that collections from the related trusts will continue to generate sufficient cash. Moreover, most of our retained interests in securitization transactions and their related spread accounts are pledged as collateral to our residual interest financings and, under certain circumstances, cash releases from these transactions will be used to repay such residual interest financings.

One of our securitization transactions, our warehouse credit facilities, our residual interest financing and our financing for the Fireside portfolio contain various financial covenants requiring certain minimum financial ratios and results. Such covenants include maintaining minimum levels of liquidity and net worth and not exceeding maximum leverage levels. As of March 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all such financial covenants. In addition, some agreements contain cross-default provisions that would allow certain creditors to declare a default if a default occurred under a different facility.

We have and will continue to have a substantial amount of indebtedness. At March 31, 2013, we had approximately \$1,056.9 million of debt outstanding. Such debt consisted primarily of \$901.7 million of securitization trust debt, and also included \$40.4 million in debt for the acquisition of the Fireside portfolio, \$26.7 million of warehouse lines of credit, \$13.8 million of residual interest financing, \$50.1 million of senior secured related party debt and \$23.6 million in subordinated renewable notes. We are also currently offering the subordinated notes to the public on a continuous basis, and such notes have maturities that range from three months to 10 years.

Our recent operating results include pre-tax earnings of \$6.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$9.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. Those periods were preceded by pre-tax losses of \$14.5 million and \$16.2 million in 2011 and 2010, respectively. We believe that our 2011 and 2010 results were materially and adversely affected by the disruption in the capital markets that began in the fourth quarter of 2007, by the recession that began in December 2007, and by related high levels of unemployment.

Although we believe we are able to service and repay our debt, there is no assurance that we will be able to do so. If our plans for future operations do not generate sufficient cash flows and earnings, our ability to make required payments on our debt would be impaired. Failure to pay our indebtedness when due could have a material adverse effect and may require us to issue additional debt or equity securities.

## Critical Accounting Policies

We believe that our accounting policies related to (a) Allowance for Finance Credit Losses, (b) Amortization of Deferred Originations Costs and Acquisition Fees, (c) Term Securitizations, (d) Finance Receivables and Related Debt Measured at Fair Value, and (e) Income Taxes are the most critical to understanding and evaluating our reported financial results. Such policies are described below.

### *Allowance for Finance Credit Losses*

In order to estimate an appropriate allowance for losses to be incurred on finance receivables, we use a loss allowance methodology commonly referred to as "static pooling," which stratifies our finance receivable portfolio into separately identified pools based on the period of origination. Using analytical and formula driven techniques, we estimate an allowance for finance credit losses, which we believe is adequate for probable credit losses that can be reasonably estimated in our portfolio of automobile contracts. The estimate for probable credit losses is reduced by our estimate for future recoveries on previously incurred losses. Provision for losses is charged to our consolidated statement of operations. Net losses incurred on finance receivables are charged to the allowance. We evaluate the adequacy of the allowance by examining current delinquencies, the characteristics of the portfolio, prospective liquidation values of the underlying collateral and general economic and market conditions. As circumstances change, our level of provisioning and/or allowance may change as well. While our allowance as a percentage of finance receivables has increased recently, previously it had decreased for several years due primarily to the continued seasoning of our portfolio. Our historical static loss data shows that, in general, incremental monthly losses as a percentage of the balance outstanding increase to a peak between months 36 and 42 of the life of a static portfolio, after which such monthly incremental losses tend to decrease. As of March 31, 2013 the weighted average age of our portfolio of finance receivables was 14 months. In addition, receivables originated after the second quarter of 2008 have exhibited significantly better credit performance metrics than 2006 and 2007 vintage portfolios at similar aging stages.

### *Amortization of Deferred Originations Costs and Acquisition Fees*

Upon purchase of a contract from a dealer, we generally either charge or advance the dealer an acquisition fee. In addition, we incur certain direct costs associated with originations of our contracts. All such acquisition fees and direct costs are applied to the carrying value of finance receivables and are accreted into earnings as an adjustment to the yield over the estimated life of the contract using the interest method.

### *Term Securitizations*

Our term securitization structure has generally been as follows:

We sell automobile contracts we acquire to a wholly-owned special purpose subsidiary, which has been established for the limited purpose of buying and reselling our automobile contracts. The special-purpose subsidiary then transfers the same automobile contracts to another entity, typically a statutory trust. The trust issues interest-bearing asset-backed securities, in a principal amount equal to or less than the aggregate principal balance of the automobile contracts. We typically sell these automobile contracts to the trust at face value and without recourse, except that representations and warranties similar to those provided by the dealer to us are provided by us to the trust. One or more investors purchase the asset-backed securities issued by the trust; the proceeds from the sale of the asset-backed securities are then used to purchase the automobile contracts from us. We may retain or sell subordinated asset-backed securities issued by the trust or by a related entity. We structure our securitizations to include internal credit enhancement for the benefit of the investors (i) in the form of an initial cash deposit to an account ("spread account") held by the trust, (ii) in the form of overcollateralization of the senior asset-backed securities, where the principal balance of the senior asset-backed securities issued is less than the principal balance of the automobile contracts, (iii) in the form of subordinated asset-backed securities, or (iv) some combination of such internal credit enhancements. The agreements governing the securitization transactions require that the initial level of internal credit enhancement be supplemented by a portion of collections from the automobile contracts until the level of internal credit enhancement reaches a specified level, which is then maintained. This specified level is generally computed as a percentage of the principal amount of the related automobile contracts and will vary depending on the performance of the specific portfolio. Such levels have increased and decreased from time to time based on performance of the various portfolios, and have also varied from one transaction to another. The agreements governing the securitizations generally grant us the option to repurchase the automobile contracts from the trust when the aggregate outstanding balance of the automobile contracts has amortized to a specified percentage of the initial aggregate balance.

Upon each transfer of automobile contracts in a transaction structured as a secured financing for financial accounting purposes, we retain on our consolidated balance sheet the related automobile contracts as assets and record the asset-backed notes issued in the transaction as indebtedness.

We receive periodic base servicing fees for the servicing and collection of the automobile contracts. Under our securitization structures treated as secured financings for financial accounting purposes, such servicing fees are included in interest income from the automobile contracts. In addition, we are entitled to the cash flows from the trusts that represent collections on the automobile contracts in excess of the amounts required to pay principal and interest on the asset-backed securities, base servicing fees, and certain other fees and expenses (such as trustee and custodial fees).

If the amount of cash required for payment of fees, expenses, interest and principal on the senior asset-backed notes exceeds the amount collected during the collection period, the shortfall is withdrawn from the spread account, if any. If the cash collected during the period exceeds the amount necessary for the above allocations plus required principal payments on the subordinated asset-backed notes, and there is no shortfall in the related spread account or the required overcollateralization level, the excess is released to us. If the spread account and overcollateralization are not at the required levels, then the excess cash collected is retained in the trust until the specified levels are achieved. Although spread account balances are held by the trusts on behalf of our special-purpose subsidiaries as the owner of the residual interests or the trusts, we are restricted in use of the cash in the spread accounts. Cash held in the various spread accounts is invested in high quality, liquid investment securities, as specified in the securitization agreements.

#### *Finance Receivables and Related Debt Measured at Fair Value*

In September 2011 we purchased finance receivables from Fireside Bank. These receivables are secured by debt that was structured specifically for the acquisition of this portfolio. Since the Fireside receivables were originated by another entity with its own underwriting guidelines and procedures, we have elected to account for the Fireside receivables and the related debt secured by those receivables at their estimated fair values so that changes in fair value will be reflected in our results of operations as they occur. There are limited observable inputs available to us for measurement of such receivables, or for the related debt. We use our own assumptions about the factors that we believe market participants would use in pricing similar receivables and debt, and are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The valuation method used to estimate fair value may produce a fair value measurement that may not be indicative of ultimate realizable value. Furthermore, while we believe our valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with those used by other market participants, the use of different methods or assumptions to estimate the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different estimates of fair value. Those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market for such receivables or debt existed, or had such receivables or debt been liquidated, and those differences could be material to the financial statements.

#### *Income Taxes*

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statements and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Deferred tax assets are recognized subject to management's judgment that realization is more likely than not. A valuation allowance is recognized for a deferred tax asset if, based on the weight of the available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In making such judgments, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified. As a result of the unprecedented adverse changes in the market for securitizations, the recession and the resulting high levels of unemployment that occurred in 2008 and 2009, we incurred substantial operating losses from 2009 through 2011 which led us to establish a valuation allowance against a substantial portion of our deferred tax assets. However, from the fourth quarter of 2011 through 2012, we reported five consecutive quarters of increasing profitability, observed improvement in credit metrics, and produced reliable internal financial projections. Furthermore, we demonstrated an ability to increase our volumes of contract purchases, grow our managed portfolio and obtain cost effective short- and long-term financing for our finance receivables. As a result of these and other factors, we determined at December 31, 2012 that, based on the weight of the available objective evidence, it was more likely than not that we would generate sufficient future taxable income to utilize our net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, we reversed the related valuation allowance of \$62.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2012.

In determining the possible future realization of deferred tax assets, we have considered future taxable income from the following sources: (a) reversal of taxable temporary differences; and (b) forecasted future net earnings from operations. Based upon those considerations, we have concluded that it is more likely than not that the U.S. and state net operating loss carryforward periods provide enough time to utilize the deferred tax assets pertaining to the existing net operating loss carryforwards and any net operating loss that would be created by the reversal of the future net deductions which have not yet been taken on a tax return. Our estimates of taxable income are forward-looking statements, and there can be no assurance that our estimates of such taxable income will be correct.

We recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the income tax expense line in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. Accrued interest and penalties are included within the related tax liability line in the consolidated balance sheet.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This report on Form 10-Q includes certain "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "estimates," or words of like meaning. Our provision for credit losses is a forward-looking statement, as it is dependent on our estimates as to future chargeoffs and recovery rates. Factors that could affect charge-offs and recovery rates include changes in the general economic climate, which could affect the willingness or ability of obligors to pay pursuant to the terms of automobile contracts, changes in laws respecting consumer finance, which could affect our ability to enforce rights under automobile contracts, and changes in the market for used vehicles, which could affect the levels of recoveries upon sale of repossessed vehicles. Factors that could affect our revenues in the current year include the levels of cash releases from existing pools of automobile contracts, which would affect our ability to purchase automobile contracts, the terms on which we are able to finance such purchases, the willingness of dealers to sell automobile contracts to us on the terms that we offer, and the terms on which and whether we are able to complete term securitizations once automobile contracts are acquired. Factors that could affect our expenses in the current year include competitive conditions in the market for qualified personnel and interest rates (which affect the rates that we pay on notes issued in our securitizations).

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

We maintain a system of internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the reliability of our published financial statements and other disclosures included in this report. As of the end of the period covered by this report, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of such disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer (Charles E. Bradley, Jr.) and the principal financial officer (Jeffrey P. Fritz) concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, material information relating to us that is required to be included in our reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. There has been no change in our internal controls over financial reporting during our most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information provided under the caption "Legal Proceedings," Note 9 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I of this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

We remind the reader that risk factors are set forth in Item 1A of our report on Form 10-K, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2013. Where we are aware of material changes to such risk factors as previously disclosed, we set forth below an updated discussion of such risks. The reader should note that the other risks identified in our report on Form 10-K remain applicable.

*We have substantial indebtedness.*

We have and will continue to have a substantial amount of indebtedness. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had approximately \$1,056.9 million and \$958.5 million, respectively, of debt outstanding. Such debt consisted, as of March 31, 2013, primarily of \$901.7 million of securitization trust debt, and also included \$40.4 million in debt for the acquisition of the Fireside portfolio, \$26.7 million of warehouse indebtedness, \$13.8 million of residual interest financing, \$50.8 million of senior secured debt and \$23.6 million in subordinated renewable notes. At December 31, 2012, such debt consisted primarily of \$792.5 million of securitization trust debt, and also included \$57.1 million in debt for the acquisition of the Fireside portfolio, \$21.7 million of warehouse indebtedness, \$13.8 million of residual interest financing, \$50.1 million of senior secured debt, and \$23.3 million in subordinated renewable notes. We are also currently offering the subordinated notes to the public on a continuous basis, and such notes have maturities that range from three months to 10 years.

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition by, among other things:

- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing amounts available for working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and
- limiting our ability to borrow additional funds.

Although we believe we are able to service and repay such debt, there is no assurance that we will be able to do so. If we do not generate sufficient operating profits, our ability to make required payments on our debt would be impaired. Failure to pay our indebtedness when due could have a material adverse effect.

*If an increase in interest rates results in a decrease in our cash flow from excess spread, our results of operations may be impaired.*

Our profitability is largely determined by the difference, or "spread," between the effective interest rate on the automobile contracts that we acquire and the interest rates payable under warehouse credit facilities and on the asset-backed securities issued in our securitizations. In the past, disruptions in the market for asset-backed securities resulted in an increase in the interest rates we paid on asset-backed securities. Should similar disruptions take place in the future, we may pay higher interest rates on asset-backed securities issued in the future. Although we have the ability partially to offset increases in our cost of funds by increasing fees we charge to dealers when purchasing contracts, or by demanding higher interest rates on contracts we purchase, there can be no assurance that such actions would offset the entire increase in interest that we might pay to finance our managed portfolio.

Several factors affect our ability to manage interest rate risk. Specifically, we are subject to interest rate risk during the period after we purchase automobile contracts from dealers and before we sell and finance such contracts in a securitization. Interest rates on warehouse credit facilities are typically adjustable, while the interest rates on the automobile contracts are fixed. If interest rates increase, the interest we must pay to the lenders under warehouse credit facilities is likely to increase, while the interest we collect from those warehoused automobile contracts remains the same. Therefore, during the warehousing period, excess spread cash flow would likely decrease. Additionally, contracts warehoused and then securitized during a rising interest rate environment may result in less excess spread cash flow as our securitizations typically have paid interest rates set at prevailing interest rates at the time of the closing of the securitization, which may not take place until several months after we purchased those contracts. Our customers, on the other hand, pay fixed rates of interest on the contracts, which are agreed to at the time they purchase the underlying vehicles. A decrease in excess spread cash flow could adversely affect our earnings and cash flow.

To mitigate, but not eliminate, the short-term risk relating to floating interest rates payable under the warehouse facilities, we have historically held automobile contracts in the warehouse credit facilities for less than four months. To mitigate, but not eliminate, the long-term risk relating to interest rates payable in securitizations, we have in the past, and intend to continue to, structure some of our securitization transactions to include pre-funding structures, whereby the amount of securities issued exceeds the amount of contracts initially sold into the securitization. In pre-funding, the proceeds from the pre-funded portion are held in an escrow account until we sell the additional contracts into the securitization. In pre-funded securitizations, we effectively lock in our borrowing costs with respect to the contracts we subsequently sell into the securitization. However, we incur an expense in pre-funded securitizations equal to the difference between the money market yields earned on the proceeds held in escrow prior to subsequent delivery of contracts and the interest rate paid on the securities issued in the securitization. The amount of such expense may vary. Despite these mitigation strategies, an increase in prevailing interest rates would cause us to receive less excess spread cash flow on automobile contracts, and thus could adversely affect our earnings and cash flow.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Discussions of certain matters contained in this report may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, and as such, may involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which we operate, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market and statements regarding our mission and vision. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words "will," "would," "believe," "may," "could," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "assume" or other similar expressions. Our actual results, performance and achievements may differ materially from the results, performance and achievements expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. The discussion under "Risk Factors" identifies some of the factors that might cause such a difference, including the following:

- changes in general economic conditions;
- our ability or inability to obtain necessary financing
- changes in interest rates;
- our ability to generate sufficient operating and financing cash flows;
- competition;
- level of future provisioning for receivables losses; and
- regulatory requirements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ from expectations due to many factors beyond our ability to control or predict, including those described herein, and in documents incorporated by reference in this report. For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.



We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking information. You are advised to consult any additional disclosure we make in our periodic reports filed with the SEC. See "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated by Reference."

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, we re-purchased 15,213 shares of our common stock.

### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

| Period(1)     | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2) |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| January 2013  | –                                | \$ –                         | –  | \$ 1,106,043   |
| February 2013 | 15,213                           | 7.88                         | 15,213   | \$ 986,193   |
| March 2013    | –                                | –                            | –  | \$ 986,193   |
| Total         | <u>15,213</u>                    | <u>\$ 7.88</u>               | <u>15,213</u>  |  |

(1) Each monthly period is the calendar month.

(2) Through March 31, 2013, our board of directors had authorized the purchase of up to \$34.5 million of our outstanding securities, which program was first announced in our annual report for the year 2002, filed on March 26, 2003. All purchases described in the table above were under the plan announced in March 2003, which has no fixed expiration date.

## Item 6. Exhibits

The Exhibits listed below are filed with this report.

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| 4.14  | Instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt of certain consolidated subsidiaries of the registrant are omitted pursuant to the exclusion set forth in subdivisions (b)(iv)(iii)(A) and (b)(v) of Item 601 of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.601). The registrant agrees to provide copies of such instruments to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission upon request. |
| 4.43  | Indenture dated March 1, 2013 re Notes issued by CPS Auto Receivables Trust 2013-A.  |
| 4.44  | Sale and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2013.  |
| 10.14 | 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as amended to date  |
| 10.29 | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated March 11, 2013   |
| 31.1  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the registrant.   |
| 31.2  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of the registrant.   |
| 32    | Section 1350 Certifications.*  |

\* These Certifications shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. These Certifications shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registration statement specifically states that such Certifications are incorporated therein.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 30, 2013

By: /s/ CHARLES E. BRADLEY, JR.

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Charles E. Bradley, Jr.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: April 30, 2013

By: /s/ JEFFREY P. FRITZ

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Jeffrey P. Fritz  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*  
(Principal Financial Officer)

## CERTIFICATION

I, Charles E. Bradley, Jr., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the period presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 30, 2013

/s/ CHARLES E. BRADLEY, JR.

Charles E. Bradley, Jr., Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION

I, Jeffrey P. Fritz, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the period presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 30, 2013

/s/ JEFFREY P. FRITZ

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Jeffrey P. Fritz, Chief Financial Officer

**Certification Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
As Adopted Pursuant To  
Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Charles E. Bradley, Jr., as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Jeffrey P. Fritz, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: April 30, 2013

/s/ CHARLES E. BRADLEY, JR.

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Charles E. Bradley, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ JEFFREY P. FRITZ

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Jeffrey P. Fritz  
Chief Financial Officer

This certification accompanies each Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of §18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.