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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Joelson Ronald Peter</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.</u> <u>6620 WEST BROAD STREET</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>RICHMOND VA 23230</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/01/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC [GNW]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP - Chief Investment Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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Christine A. Ness, by power of attorney 12/05/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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December 1, 2008

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Authorization to Sign Rule 16 Forms

To whom it may concern:

I am the Senior Vice President -- Chief Investment Officer of Genworth Financial, Inc. ("Genworth") effective December 1, 2008 and, until further written notice, I hereby individually authorize Leon E. Roday (Genworth's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary), Richard J. Oelhafen, Jr. (Genworth's Vice President and Assistant Secretary) and Christine A. Ness (Genworth's Assistant Secretary) to sign on my behalf a Form 3 and any Form 4 or Form 5 or related form that I have filed or may file hereafter in connection with my direct or indirect beneficial ownership of Genworth securities, and to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which in his or her opinion may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ronald P. Joelson

Ronald P. Joelson