

PAYNE DAVID L  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PAYNE DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WESTAMERICA  
 BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/25/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President & CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price			
Common Stock	07/25/2008		M	100	A \$ 34.5625	39,689	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		S	100	D \$ 51.41	39,589	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		M	100	A \$ 34.5625	39,689	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		S	100	D \$ 51.3	39,589	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		M	100	A \$ 34.5625	39,689	D	

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Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 51.26	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	800	A	\$ 34.5625	40,389	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	800	D	\$ 51.245	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	3,100	A	\$ 34.5625	42,689	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	3,100	D	\$ 51.235	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	200	A	\$ 34.5625	39,789	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	200	D	\$ 51.23	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	200	A	\$ 34.5625	39,789	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	200	D	\$ 51.22	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	100	A	\$ 34.5625	39,689	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 51.215	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	2,300	A	\$ 34.5625	41,889	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	2,300	D	\$ 51.21	39,589	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	M	700	A	\$ 34.5625	40,289	D
Common Stock	07/25/2008	S	700	D	\$ 51.2	39,589	D

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of SH	
			Code	V					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		100	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		100	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		100	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		800	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		3,100	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		200	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		200	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		100	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		2,300	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/25/2008	M		700	01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

PAYNE DAVID L

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Chairman, President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ David L.

07/29/2008

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\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

### Remarks:

This is filing #1 of 11 filings for this reporting person on this date.

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