

Ersek Hikmet  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Ersek Hikmet

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE WESTERN UNION  
COMPANY, 12500 EAST  
BELFORD AVENUE

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Western Union CO [WU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-EU/Mid Eas/Afri/SA

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

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/27/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000 A \$ 15.65	100,552	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000 D \$ 28 <sup>(2)</sup>	50,552	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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.65	08/27/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/22/2013	Common Stock 50,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ersek Hikmet THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			EVP-EU/Mid Eas/Afri/SA	

**Signatures**

Sarah J. Kilgore, As Attorney-in-Fact for Hikmet Ersek  
 08/29/2008  
 \*\*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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 30, 2008.
- (2) The reporting person has reported the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of prices for the reported transactions is \$27.99 to \$28.03. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) The option vested in 25% installments on January 22, 2004 and 2005, and the remaining 50% was vested on December 22, 2005.

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