

Steel Robert King
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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 *
Steel Robert King

(Last) (First) (Middle)
301 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET
(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28288

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WACHOVIA CORP NEW [WB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock	12/31/2008		D	(A) or (D) D	Amount Price \$ 0 0	D	
					(1) 2,990,089 (2)		

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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
ESOP (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 9.08	12/31/2008		D	1,500,000	07/15/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 07/15/2018	Common Stock 1,500,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steel Robert King 301 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28288	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

Robert K. Steel 01/04/2009
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Includes 1,990,089 shares of unvested restricted stock with respect to which provisions exist to allow for the withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Shares disposed of in the merger between Wachovia Corporation and Wells Fargo & Company pursuant to which each share of Wachovia Corporation common stock was exchanged for .1991 shares of Wells Fargo common stock.
- (3) Provisions exist with respect to these shares to allow for the withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations and the withholding of shares in payment of the exercise price.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in substantially equal installments on each of the three anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning July 15, 2009.
- (5) In the merger of Wachovia Corporation and Wells Fargo & Company, each outstanding option to purchase Wachovia Corporation common stock was converted to an option to purchase Wells Fargo stock on substantially the same terms, except that the number of options was adjusted by multiplying the number of Wachovia Corporation options by .1991 and the exercise price was adjusted by dividing the Wachovia Corporation exercise price by .1991.

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