

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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
Sarver Robert Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E WASHINGTON STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
07/22/2011

Director
X Officer (give title below)
10% Owner
Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

(Street)
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 3. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership. Includes rows for Common Stock transactions.

Stock				Family Trust Dated 09/29/1997
Common Stock	30,000		I	By Spouse <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	16,022		I	By SF III Ltd Partnership
Common Stock	33,105		I	By Vulture II Corporation

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Sarver Robert Gary  
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
ONE E WASHINGTON STREET  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

X

Chairman and CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact)

07/25/2011

\_\_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).  
These shares are issuable in respect of common stock that represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deductions, that fully vest on the date of the grant. Once vested the common stock will become transferrable to the reporting person on a  
(1) pro rata basis as the Company repays TARP Funds, in increments of no less than 25%. TARP Funds include any funds received pursuant to the United States Government's Troubled Asset Relief Program.  
(2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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