

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)  
07/24/2008

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  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/24/2008		M		300 A \$ 34.5625	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008		S		300 D \$ 51.02	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008		M		100 A \$ 34.5625	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008		S		100 D \$ 51.01	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008		M		100 A \$ 34.5625	D	

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Common Stock	07/24/2008	S	100	D	\$ 51.0075	16,343	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008	M	2,400	A	\$ 34.5625	18,743	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008	S	2,400	D	\$ 51	16,343	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2008	M	23,246	A	\$ 34.5625	39,589	D	
Common Stock						10,924,913	I	ESOP
Common Stock						528,837 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Gibson Radio & Publishing
Common Stock						459	I	By Daughter
Common Stock						462	I	By Son
Common Stock						224,006	I	By Trust

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/24/2008		M	300	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/24/2008		M	100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/24/2008	M	100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/24/2008	M	2,400	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	07/24/2008	M	23,246	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE DAVID L	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
Payne

07/28/2008

\*\*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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
  - (2) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

### Remarks:

This is filing #13 of 13 filings for this reporting person for this date.

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