

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 WESTAMERICA
 BANCORPORATION, 4550
 MANGELS BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/22/2009

94534
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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		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	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M		50,491	A	\$ 24	304,836	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		S		50,491	D	\$ 51.3194 <u>(1)</u>	254,345	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M		6,643	A	\$ 24	260,988	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		S		6,643	D	\$ 52.1192	254,345	I	By Trust

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				<u>(2)</u>					
Common Stock	04/23/2009	M	137,866	A	\$ 24	392,211	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	04/23/2009	S	137,866	D	\$ <u>(3)</u> 50.4109	254,345	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	04/24/2009	M	66,500	A	\$ 24	320,845	I	By Trust	
Common Stock						0	D		
Common Stock						459	I	By Daughter	
Common Stock						528,837	I	By Gibson Radio & Publishing Company <u>(4)</u>	
Common Stock						462	I	By Son	
Common Stock						10,924.913	I	Esop	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24	04/22/2009		M	50,491	01/25/2001	01/25/2010	Common Stock	50,491
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 24	04/22/2009		M	6,643	01/25/2001	01/25/2010	Common Stock	6,643

