

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV
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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 *
 MCNAMARA J PAUL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV [UBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 514 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PARKERSBURG, WV 26101
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	12/18/2008	12/18/2008	G	1,675 D	\$ 32 59,052.49	D	
Common Stock					30,000	I	By Immediate Family
Common Stock					10,800	I	Trust-Ayers
Common Stock - Direct IRA					329.15	D	

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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 or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Option	\$ 36.71					11/04/2004 11/04/2014	Common Stock 2,000	
Stock Option	\$ 31.68					05/09/2005 05/09/2015	Common Stock 5,000	
Stock Option - United	\$ 30.71					10/10/2003 10/10/2013	Common Stock 5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCNAMARA J PAUL 514 MARKET STREET PARKERSBURG, WV 26101	X			

Signatures

/s/ MCNAMARA, J PAUL
12/19/2008

**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).

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