

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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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 *
THORSON JOHN A

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)
03/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Financial Officer

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, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (A) or (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership. Rows include Common Stock transactions from 03/31/2008.

Common Stock 415 I to daughter SRT

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 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
THORSON JOHN A			SVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Shirley Kolin 04/01/2008
 **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) Of the 2,070 Restricted Performance Shares vesting in January 2008, 1,107 shares were withheld to pay for the tax liability and 963 shares were delivered to the reporting person's trust.
- (2) Includes dividends reinvested through 2/15/2008.
- (3)

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The reporting person deferred delivery of 1,670 Restricted Performance Shares vesting in January 2006 until March 31, 2008. The shares were held in a Rabbi Trust ("deferred") until the prescheduled distribution. At the time of distribution from the deferred account, 801 shares were delivered to the reporting person's trust and 869 shares were sold by the administrator to pay the tax liability.

(4) Includes allocations through 03/31/2008, to Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.

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