

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WALL MERRILL**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief Admin Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/07/2015**

(Street)  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85004**

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

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/07/2015		M		11,200	A	\$ 7.61
							146,488
Common Stock	05/07/2015		S		11,200	D	\$ 31.403
							<u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	05/08/2015		M		8,800	A	\$ 7.61
							144,088
Common Stock	05/08/2015		S		8,800	D	\$ 31.4
							135,288

Stock

Common  
Stock

6,237 <sup>(2)</sup>

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401K  
Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.61	05/07/2015		M	11,200	01/30/2013	01/30/2016	Common Stock	11,200
Employee Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.61	05/08/2015		M	8,800	01/30/2013	01/30/2016	Common Stock	8,800

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

WALL MERRILL  
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

EVP, Chief Admin Officer

## Signatures

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

05/11/2015

\_\_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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$31.40 to \$31.46, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (1)
  - (2) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 4/30/15.

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