

HANSEN DENNIS R
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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 *
HANSEN DENNIS R

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)
SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr.

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/02/2010

(Street)

94534

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/02/2010 | | M | 6,000 A \$ 38.74 | 8,450 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/02/2010 | | S | 6,000 D \$ 49.8221 | 2,450 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,250 | I | Deferred |
| Common Stock | | | | | 22,464.065 | I | Esop ⁽¹⁾ |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.74 | 11/02/2010 | | M | 6,000 | 01/23/2003 ⁽²⁾ 01/23/2012 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HANSEN DENNIS R WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD 94534 | | | SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr. | |

Signatures

/s/ Dennis R. Hansen 11/03/2010

**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) Includes allocations through 9/30/10, as reported in the latest quarterly report, to Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (2) These options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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