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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BADLER RICHARD D Issuer Symbol Western Union CO [WU] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE 09/29/2006 below) EVP - Corp. Comm. & Pub. Aff. (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 14,081 09/29/2006 D A \$0 14,081 D (1) Stock

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.13	09/29/2006		A	101,904	<u>(2)</u>	09/29/2016	Common Stock	101,90
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3	09/29/2006		A	65,865 (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/05/2016	Common Stock	65,865

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BADLER RICHARD D 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

EVP - Corp. Comm. & Pub. Aff.

Signatures

/s/ Sarah J. Kilgore as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard D. Badler

10/03/2006

**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) Restricted stock award which vests in full, if the executive is still employed by the Company at the time, on the third anniversary date of the grant.
- (2) This option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on September 29, 2007.
- Represents option acquired by reporting person as a result of the adjustment of an option to purchase shares of First Data Corporation common stock held by the reporting person. This adjustment occurred pursuant to the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement, dated September 29, 2006, between The Western Union Company and First Data Corporation.
- (4) This option vests in four equal installments beginning on June 5, 2007.

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