

HANSEN DENNIS R
Form 4
April 23, 2009

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/21/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr.

94534

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
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/21/2009		M	8,300	A \$ 24	8,330	D
Common Stock	04/21/2009		S	8,300	D \$ (1) 51.0427	30	D
Common Stock						7,250	I Deferred
Common Stock						21,369.502 (2)	I Esop

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24	04/21/2009		M	8,300	01/25/2001 ⁽³⁾ 01/25/2010	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

04/23/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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(1) This is an average price of multiple transactions for the same option ranging in price from \$50.88 to \$51.33.

(2) Includes allocations through 3/31/2009 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.

(3) Options vests ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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