

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 *
FINGER JENNIFER J

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)

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/24/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP/Treasurer

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	01/24/2008		A		2,550 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 3,676.809 D
Common Stock							22,480 I Deferred
Common Stock							1,033.385 <u>(2)</u> I ESOP

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.13	01/24/2008		A	23,148	01/24/2009 ⁽³⁾ 01/24/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINGER JENNIFER J			SVP/Treasurer	

Signatures

By: /s/ Jennifer J. Finger
Date: 01/25/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) The Restricted Performance Shares granted in 2005 vested on 1/24/08 upon meeting performance criteria.
- (2) Includes allocations through 12/31/07 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (3) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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