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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [wfsl] À Kasanders Thomas Eugene (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **425 PIKE STREET** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person SEATTLE, WAÂ 98101 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock $8,639 \frac{(1)}{}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	ecurity 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	
				Number of	Security	or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	02/01/2009	02/01/2018	Stock Options	5,000	\$ 25.21	D	Â
Stock Options	03/24/2010	03/24/2018	Stock Options	2,500	\$ 24.03	D	Â
Stock Options	04/20/2011	04/20/2019	Stock Options	1,250	\$ 11.48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kasanders Thomas Eugene 425 PIKE STREET SEATTLE Â WAÂ 98101	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			

Signatures

Thomas E.
Kasanders

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

This number of shares consists of a 4,000 share grant of restricted stock dated February 1, 2008, of which all are currently unrestricted; a 2,000 share grant of restricted stock dated October 22, 2008, of which 500 shares are currently unrestricted; a 2,500 share grant of restricted stock dated October 26, 2009, of which none of the shares are currently unrestricted, and 139 shares owned by Mr. Kasanders in his employee benefits plan.

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