

PAYNE DAVID L  
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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 \*  
PAYNE DAVID L

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.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/22/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

(Street)  
94534  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M	50,491	A \$ 24	304,836	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		S	50,491	D \$ 51.3194	254,345	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M	6,643	A \$ 24	260,988	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2009		S	6,643	D \$ 52.1192	254,345	I By Trust

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				<u>(2)</u>					
Common Stock	04/23/2009	M	137,866	A	\$ 24	392,211	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	04/23/2009	S	137,866	D	\$ <u>(3)</u> 50.4109	254,345	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	04/24/2009	M	66,500	A	\$ 24	320,845	I	By Trust	
Common Stock						0	D		
Common Stock						459	I	By Daughter	
Common Stock						528,837	I	By Gibson Radio & Publishing Company <u>(4)</u>	
Common Stock						462	I	By Son	
Common Stock						10,924.913	I	Esop	

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24	04/22/2009		M	50,491	01/25/2001	01/25/2010	Common Stock	50,491
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 24	04/22/2009		M	6,643	01/25/2001	01/25/2010	Common Stock	6,643

(Right to Buy)

Non-qualified  
Stock Option  
(Right to Buy)

\$ 24

04/23/2009

M

137,866

01/25/2001

01/25/2010

Common  
Stock

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Non-qualified  
Stock Option  
(Right to Buy)

\$ 24

04/24/2009

M

66,500

01/25/2001

01/25/2010

Common  
Stock

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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE DAVID L WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. 94534	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
Payne

04/24/2009

\*\*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) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$51.00 to \$51.97.
- (2) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$52.00 to \$52.36
- (3) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$50.00 to \$50.90
- (4) The reporting person is President and CEO of Gibson Radio and Publishing Company and disclaims beneficial ownership of 528,837 shares.

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