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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CADY GERALD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner Director Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2010

below) EVP, California Administration

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE **BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST** SAHARA AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

65,488

(Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

09/17/2010

 $707 \frac{(1)}{2}$ \$0

Common Stock

Common

Stock

09/17/2010

V 57

\$0 3,203 (2) Α

D

By 401(k) Plan

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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			Code V (A) (D)					S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer Other Director 10% Owner

CADY GERALD A C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

EVP, California Administration

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons 09/20/2010 (Attorney-in-fact)

**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).
- These shares are issuable in respect of common stock that represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deductions, that fully vest on the date of the grant. Once vested the common stock will become transferrable to the reporting person on a pro rata basis as the Company repays TARP Funds, in increments of no less than 25%. TARP Funds include any funds received pursuant to the United States Government's Troubled Asset Relief Program.
- (2) Reflects current shares held in the 401(k) Plan to include Employer match.

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