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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL] **Â** Yohannes Yonas (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE (Check all applicable) BANCORPORATION, Â ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET. 10% Owner Director **SUITE 1400** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group EVP, Technology and Operations Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person PHOENIX. AZÂ 85004 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Exercisable Date Number of

Amount or Security
Number of
Shares

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Yohannes Yonas

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 1400

Â EVP, Technology and Operations Â

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons (Attorney-in-fact)

PHOENIX, AZÂ 85004

05/05/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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