

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Sarver Robert Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/21/2014

(Street)  
 PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/21/2014		M		60,000	A	\$ 15.9
Common Stock	10/21/2014		M		100,000	A	\$ 7.61
Common Stock	10/21/2014		S		160,000	D	\$ 24.645 <u>(1)</u>
Common					30,000	I	Spouse

Stock			
Common Stock		199,758	I Sarver Family Trust dated 09/29/1997
Common Stock		166,022	I SF III Ltd Partnership
Common Stock		33,105	I Vulture II Corporation
Common Stock		5,149	I Robert G. Sarver Trust dated 09/29/1997
Common Stock		5,923 <sup>(2)</sup>	I 401K 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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.9	10/21/2014		M	60,000	01/23/2012	01/23/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.61	10/21/2014		M	100,000	01/30/2013	01/30/2016	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sarver Robert Gary C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400 PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact) 10/23/2014

\_\_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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.915, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (1) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 10/16/14.
  - (2) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 10/16/14.

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