

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

February 10, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GIBBONS DALE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/30/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock			Code V	Amount (D) Price	80,350	D	

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)**

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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)	8. Date of Selling (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.61	01/30/2009		A		30,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2016
							Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GIBBONS DALE C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89102	EVP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons 02/10/2009

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The options vest in four equal installments beginning January 30, 2010.

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