

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
 Form 4
 January 25, 2008

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THORSON JOHN A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION [WABC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP/Chief Financial Officer
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2008	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	

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	01/24/2008		A		<u>2,070</u> (1)	A	\$ 0	2,099.2975	D	
Common Stock								1,670	I	Deferred
Common Stock								460.424 (2)	I	ESOP
Common Stock								3,089	I	By Trust
Common Stock								415	I	By Daughter RPT

Common Stock	415	I	By Daughter SRT
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.13	01/24/2008		A	23,148	01/24/2009 ⁽³⁾ 01/24/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORSON JOHN A			SVP/Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

By: /s/ John "Robert" A. Thorson 01/25/2008

____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) The Restricted Performance Shares granted in 2005 vested on 1/24/08 upon meeting performance criteria.
- (2) Includes allocations through 12/31/07 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (3) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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