

HANSEN DENNIS R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HANSEN DENNIS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/21/2009

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr.

WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION, 4550  
MANGELS BLVD

(Street)

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

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

94534

(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 (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2009                           |  | M                              | 8,300 A \$ 24   | 8,330   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 8,300 D \$ 51.0427  | 30  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,250   | I  | Deferred                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,369.502  | I  | Esop                                       |

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 24  | 04/21/2009                           |  | M                              | 8,300   | 01/25/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/25/2010                     | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| HANSEN DENNIS R<br>WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION<br>4550 MANGELS BLVD<br>94534 |               |           | SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dennis R.  
Hansen

04/23/2009

\*\*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) This is an average price of multiple transactions for the same option ranging in price from \$50.88 to \$51.33.
- (2) Includes allocations through 3/31/2009 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (3) Options vests ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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