

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
 Form 4  
 April 30, 2008

**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 \*  
 PAYNE DAVID L

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)  
  
 (Street)  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/28/2008  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President & CEO  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		300 A \$ 34.5625	6,722	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		S		300 D \$ 59.745	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		100 A \$ 34.5625	6,522	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		S		100 D \$ 59.73	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		100 A \$ 34.5625	6,522	D

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Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.71	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	100	A	\$ 34.5625	6,522	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.685	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	100	A	\$ 34.5625	6,522	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.645	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	93	A	\$ 34.5625	6,515	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	93	D	\$ 59.63	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	21	A	\$ 34.5625	6,443	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	21	D	\$ 59.62	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	200	A	\$ 34.5625	6,622	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 59.6	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	100	A	\$ 34.5625	6,522	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.56	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	400	A	\$ 34.5625	6,822	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	400	D	\$ 59.505	6,422	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			(A)	(D)						
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		300	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	30
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		100	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		100	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		100	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		100	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		93	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	9
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		21	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		200	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		100	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		400	M		01/28/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock	40

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

PAYNE DAVID L

X

Chairman, President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ David L.

04/30/2008

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\*\*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) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

### Remarks:

This is filing #1 of 5 filings for this date for this reporting person.

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