

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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1(b).

**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

(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)
05/11/2010

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)
Chairman and 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 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	05/11/2010		X	V 121,662 A \$ 7.62	2,515,173	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2010		X	V 4,329 A \$ 7.62	189,758	I	By Sarver Family Trust Dated 09/27/1997
Common Stock					30,000	I	By Spouse (1)
Common					166,022	I	By SF III

Stock									Ltd Partnership
Common Stock	05/11/2010	X	V	1,731	A	\$ 7.62	33,105	I	By Vulture II Corporation
Common Stock							4,000	I	By The Harrison H. Hilton Trust

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
Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 7.62	05/11/2010		X	V		959,259 ⁽²⁾	12/12/2002	06/12/2010	Common Stock	959,259
Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 7.62	05/11/2010		X	V		34,137 ⁽³⁾	12/12/2002	06/12/2010	Common Stock	34,137
Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 7.62	05/11/2010		X	V		13,656 ⁽⁴⁾	12/12/2002	06/12/2010	Common Stock	13,656

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sarver Robert Gary
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

X

Chairman
and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons
(Attorney-in-fact)

05/12/2010

__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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Represents the exercise of a warrant. The exercise was accomplished using a form of cashless, net exercise whereby 837,597 shares underlying the warrant were cancelled as payment of the exercise price and the remaining 121,662 shares were issued.
- (3) Represents the exercise of a warrant. The exercise was accomplished using a form of cashless, net exercise whereby 29,808 shares underlying the warrant were cancelled as payment of the exercise price and the remaining 4,329 shares were issued.
- (4) Represents the exercise of a warrant. The exercise was accomplished using a form of cashless, net exercise whereby 11,925 shares underlying the warrant were cancelled as payment of the exercise price and the remaining 1,731 shares were issued.

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