

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
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**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 \*  
 Theisen Randall S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE  
 BANCORPORATION, ONE E.  
 WASHINGTON STREET, STE  
 1400

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/22/2015

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, General Counsel

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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/22/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 7.61   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/22/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 7,063   | D  | \$ 31.2087<br>(1)                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,129   | I  | (2)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,408   | I  |   |

|                 |  |  |  |  |  |       |  |   |                                  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Stock           |  |  |  |  |  |       |  |   | &<br>Barbara<br>Theisen<br>Trust |
| Common<br>Stock |  |  |  |  |  | 1,350 |  | I | By<br>Spouse                     |

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 or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to buy)      | \$ 7.61  | 04/22/2015                           |  | M                              | 12,500  | 01/30/2013 01/30/2016                                    | Common Stock 12,500   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Theisen Randall S<br>C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION<br>ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85004 |               |           | EVP,<br>General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact) 04/24/2015

        \*\*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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$31.17 to \$31.25, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western

(1) Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.

(2) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 4/16/15.

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