THORSON JOHN A Form 4/A

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading THORSON JOHN A Issuer Symbol WESTAMERICA (Check all applicable) BANCORPORATION [WABC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 10/22/2004 Sr. Vice President & Treasurer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 10/25/2004 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Am
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Seco
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

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or N of SI

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 32.7917 10/22/2004 M 1,000 (1) 01/21/1999(2) 01/21/2008 Common Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THORSON JOHN A

Sr. Vice President & Treasurer

Signatures

By: John "Robert" A.

Thorson 10/28/2004

**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 option was inadvertently reported as an acquisition on the Form 4 timely filed on 10/25/04.
- (2) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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