WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION Form 8-K September 09, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 9, 2008 Western Alliance Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 001-32550 88-0365922

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2700 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 702.248.4200

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 9, 2008, the Company provided guidance on its third quarter 2008 financial performance, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Western Alliance Bancorporation

September 9, 2008 By: /s/ Dale Gibbons

Name: Dale Gibbons

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Announcement dated September 9, 2008