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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vecchione Kenneth

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Middle)

09/16/2011

President & COO

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E WASHINGTON STREET

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Amount (D)

Price \$0 210,732

D

By 401(k)

Stock Common

09/16/2011

452

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Plan

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Vecchione Kenneth C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E WASHINGTON STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85004

X President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons 09/19/2011 (Attorney-in-fact)

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

These shares are issuable in respect of common stock that represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deductions, that fully vest on the date of the grant. Once vested the common stock will become transferrable to the reporting person on a pro rata basis as the Company repays TARP Funds, in increments of no less than 25%. TARP Funds include any funds received pursuant to the United States Government's Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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