BOYD WILLIAM S

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOYD WILLIAM S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WESTERN ALLIANCE

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BANCORPORATION [WAL]

(Check all applicable)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

01/25/2011

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

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E WASHINGTON STREET

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

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)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D)

Common 01/25/2011 Α

D

Stock

2,751 Α \$0 $6,590^{(1)}$

By

Common Stock

William S. 3,290,121 Ι **Boyd 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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director $\frac{10\%}{\text{Owner}}$ Officer Other

BOYD WILLIAM S C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E WASHINGTON STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85004

X

Signatures

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

01/27/2011

**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) Total beneficially owned contains 3,839 RSAs granted on 1/25/2010.

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