

Leppert Thomas C
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Leppert Thomas C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC
 ["WM"]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 901 MAIN STREET, #4900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2005

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

(Street)
 DALLAS, TX 75202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	12/19/2005	A		11.79		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common	11.79	\$	4
Phantom Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	12/20/2005	A		238.13		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common	238.13	\$	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leppert Thomas C 901 MAIN STREET #4900 DALLAS, TX 75202	X			

Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2005

Date

__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).

(1) Phantom stock shares acquired under the Washington Mutual, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan through Board fee deferral.

(2) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(3) Phantom stock distributed upon payment commencement date selected by the Reporting Person.

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