

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BESSETTE STEPHEN M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC [WASH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**11 COBLEIGH STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/16/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP Retail Lending**

**CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	06/16/2008		A		2,100	A	\$ 0
					3,621,219 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.25					05/15/2000 05/15/2010		Common Stock	5,115
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.5					05/17/1999 05/17/2009		Common Stock	4,200
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.8					04/23/2001 04/23/2011		Common Stock	4,635
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20					05/12/2004 05/12/2013		Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.03					04/22/2002 04/22/2012		Common Stock	4,345
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.81					06/13/2005 06/13/2015		Common Stock	3,800
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.16					12/12/2005 12/12/2015		Common Stock	3,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

BESSETTE STEPHEN M  
11 COBLEIGH STREET  
CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813

EVP Retail Lending

## Signatures

David V. Devault EVP, Secretary, Treasurer,  
CFO-POA

06/18/2008

\_\_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) Balance reflects acquisitions pursuant to dividend reinvestments exempt from Form 4 reporting under Rule 16a-11.

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