

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD  
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**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 \*  
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/04/2011

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

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	05/04/2011		J(1)	10,772	D	\$ 0	191,434	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock	05/04/2011		J(1)	10,772	A	\$ 0	10,772	I	Marianne Boyd Johnson, Trustee of the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05

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Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(1)</u>	10,772	D	\$ 0	0	I	Western GRAT #1  Marianne Boyd Johnson, Trustee of the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05 Western GRAT #1
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(1)</u>	10,772	A	\$ 0	27,826	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(1)</u>	10,772	D	\$ 0	17,054	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(1)</u>	10,772	A	\$ 0	363,316	I	By The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(2)</u>	174	D	\$ 0	191,260	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(2)</u>	174	A	\$ 0	363,490	I	By The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(3)</u>	3,591	D	\$ 0	187,669	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock	05/04/2011	<u>J(3)</u>	2,873	D	\$ 0	184,796	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock	05/05/2011	<u>J(4)</u>	4,974	A	\$ 0	14,612	I	By the William and Myong Boyd Children's Trust
Common Stock						257,143	I	By the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust, dated April 14,

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 (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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E WASHINGTON STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact) 05/06/2011

        \*\*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) On May 4, 2011, BG-05 Limited Partnership transferred 10,772 shares to Marianne Boyd Johnson, Trustee of the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05 Western GRAT #1, dated April 25, 2005, which transferred the 10,772 shares to the reporting person directly, and then the reporting person transferred the 10,772 shares to the Marianne E. Boyd Trust dated January 9, 2007.
- (2) On May 4, 2011, BG-05 Limited Partnership transferred 174 shares to the Marianne E. Boyd Trust dated January 9, 2007.

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- (3) On May 4, 2011, BG-05 Limited Partnership distributed an aggregate of 6,464 shares to two trusts over which the reporting person has no investment or voting control.
- (4) On May 5, 2011, 4,974 shares were acquired By The William and Myong Boyd Children's Trust from an entity over which the reporting person has no investment or voting control.

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