

Kasanders Thomas Eugene
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>^ Kasanders Thomas Eugene</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>425 PIKE STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SEATTLE, ^ WA ^ 98101</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/08/2010</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [wfsi]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Senior Vice President</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 8,639 ⁽¹⁾ | D | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Options | 02/01/2009 | 02/01/2018 | Stock Options | 5,000 | \$ 25.21 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 03/24/2010 | 03/24/2018 | Stock Options | 2,500 | \$ 24.03 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 04/20/2011 | 04/20/2019 | Stock Options | 1,250 | \$ 11.48 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kasanders Thomas Eugene 425 PIKE STREET SEATTLE, WA 98101 | Â | Â | Â Senior Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Thomas E. Kasanders 02/16/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This number of shares consists of a 4,000 share grant of restricted stock dated February 1, 2008, of which all are currently unrestricted; a 2,000 share grant of restricted stock dated October 22, 2008, of which 500 shares are currently unrestricted; a 2,500 share grant of restricted stock dated October 26, 2009, of which none of the shares are currently unrestricted, and 139 shares owned by Mr. Kasanders in his employee benefits plan.

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