KING A PAUL Form 4 January 22, 2010

## FORM 4

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

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KING A PAUL  (Last) (First) (Middle)  100 LIBERTY STREET  (Street)  WARREN, PA 16365			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2010 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
		(7:n)					Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table 1	I - Non-Dei	ivative Se	curities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/	Year) Exec	Deemed ution Date, if ath/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecuritonAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							13,828.5	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							4,005	I	Revocable Trust
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							28,695.25	I	IRA

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 Deriva Securit (Instr. 2	tive Conv y or Ex	ative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Optio Plan (Righ Buy)	\$ 4	4.35					10/18/2001	10/18/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	27,000
Optio Plan (Righ Buy)	\$ 1	0.19					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	22,500
Optio Plan (Righ Buy)	\$ (	9.79					11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Optio Plan (Righ Buy)	\$ 7	7.48					02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Optio Plan (Righ Buy)	\$ 1	1.49	01/20/2010	01/20/2010	A	6,000 (1)	01/20/2011	01/20/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KING A PAUL	X					
100 LIBERTY STREET						

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**WARREN**, PA 16365

## **Signatures**

A. Paul King 01/22/2010

\*\*Signature of Date
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) One seventh of this grant will vest each year beginning January 20, 2011 and on January 20th of each year thereafter through January 20, 2018.

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