

WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC
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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 *
Ballenger Melissa J

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)
1301 SECOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/18/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP, Corporate Controller

SEATTLE, WA 98101

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | Price | | |
| Common | 01/18/2008 | | F | 317 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 13.55 | D | |
| <u>Common</u> ⁽²⁾ | 01/22/2008 | | A | 8,400 | \$ 0 | 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)

| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 14.77 | 01/22/2008 | | A | 51,136 | ⁽³⁾ 01/22/2018 | Common | 51,136 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ballenger Melissa J 1301 SECOND AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101 | X | | SVP, Corporate Controller | |

Signatures

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

01/23/2008

__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) Shares of vested restricted stock withheld to satisfy withholding obligations.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) Option granted pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third vests annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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