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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Porter J Benson

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC

["WM"]

(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) EVP & Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

1201 THIRD AVENUE (Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Common (1) 01/28/2005

(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if
(Instr. 3)		any
		(Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price 11,250 \$0 D A A 17,611.62

(A)

Common (2) 01/28/2005 A 45,000 Α \$0 62,611.62

WaMu

Common 1,602.36 I Savings Plan

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable Date	*	Title	Number		
							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Porter J Benson

EVP & Chief Admin Officer 1201 THIRD AVENUE

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia, 02/01/2005 Attorney-in-Fact

> **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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan as part of the Reporting Person?s annual equity compensation award.
- Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan with vesting subject to the Company?s achievement of specified performance criteria related to the Company?s new five-year strategic plan.

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