WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC

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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)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STEVER JAMES H

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC

["WM"]

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

7838 SE 22ND PLACE 03/15/2005

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Person

Issuer

below)

MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pı Derivative TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Deri (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities Secu any

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(Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Price of (Inst Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom (3) (3) $\$ 0^{(2)}$ 03/15/2005 Α 211.35 Common 211.35 Stock (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEVER JAMES H
7838 SE 22ND PLACE X

MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040

Signatures

By: /s/ Sophie Hager Hume, Attorney-in-Fact 03/16/2005

**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) Phantom stock shares acquired under the Washington Mutual, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Certain Highly Compensated Employees (DCP) through deferral of retainer.
- (2) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Phantom stock distributed upon payment commencement date selected by reporting person.
- (4) Securities beneficially owned include quarterly dividends in the DCP.

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