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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD APRIL 17, 2007

Umpqua Shareholders:

The annual meeting of shareholders of Umpqua Holdings Corporation will be held at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way, Portland, Oregon, at 6 p.m., local time, on April 17, 2007 to take action on the following business:

1. **Election of Directors.** To elect eleven members of Umpqua s board of directors, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

2. **Ratification of Auditor Appointment.** To ratify the Audit and Compliance Committee s appointment of Moss Adams LLP as the Company s independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

3. Amendment of 2003 Plan. To approve an amendment to the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the maximum aggregate number of shares subject to awards that may be granted to an individual in a calendar year.

4. **Adoption of New Long Term Incentive Plan.** To adopt the Umpqua Holdings Corporation 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, which is found at Appendix B to the proxy statement, which authorizes the issuance of performance-based restricted stock unit grants to executive officers and reserves 1,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock for issuance under the plan.

5. **Other Business.** To consider and act upon such other business and matters or proposals as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The items of business listed above are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice. If you were a shareholder of record of Umpqua common stock as of the close of business on February 9, 2007, you are entitled to receive this notice and vote at the annual meeting, and any adjournments or postponements thereof. This Notice and Proxy Statement and the 2006 Annual Report are being mailed to stockholders on or about March 13, 2007.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting.

Please mark, sign, date and promptly return your proxy in the enclosed envelope, or follow the instructions for voting by phone or on the Internet.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Steven L. Philpott EVP/General Counsel/Secretary March 6, 2007

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT VOTING AND THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING

Q: What are Umpqua shareholders being asked to vote on at the annual shareholder meeting?

A: Umpqua shareholders will vote on:

Item 1: The election of eleven directors to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders;

Item 2: Ratification of the selection of Moss Adams LLP as Umpqua s independent auditor for 2007;

Item 3: Amendment of the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the maximum aggregate number of shares subject to awards that may be granted to an individual within a calendar year; and

Item 4: Adoption of the Umpqua Holdings Corporation 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, which authorizes the issuance of performance-based restricted stock units and reserves 1,000,000 shares of Company common stock for issuance under the plan.

The board of directors recommends that you vote FOR each of these proposals.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: First, carefully read this document in its entirety.

Then, vote your shares by following the instructions from your broker if your shares are held in street name or by one of the following methods:

mark, sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed return envelope as soon as possible;

call the toll-free number on the proxy card and follow the directions provided;

go to the web site listed on the proxy card and follow the instructions provided; or

attend the shareholder meeting and submit a properly executed proxy or ballot. If a broker holds your shares in street name, you will need to get a legal proxy from your broker to vote in person at the meeting.

Q: What are my choices when voting?

A: Item 1: You may vote in favor of electing the nominees as directors or withhold your vote on one or more nominees.

Items 2, 3 and 4: You may cast your vote in favor of or against each proposal, or you may elect to abstain from voting your shares.

Q: Who is eligible to vote?

A: Holders of record of Umpqua common stock at the close of business on February 9, 2007 are eligible to vote at Umpqua s annual meeting of shareholders. As of that date, there were 58,186,846 shares of Umpqua common

stock outstanding held by approximately 4,518 holders of record, a number that does not include beneficial owners who hold shares in street name.

Q: How many shares are owned by Umpqua s directors and executive officers?

A: On February 9, 2007, Umpqua s directors and executive officers owned 1,543,234 shares entitled to vote at the annual meeting, constituting approximately 2.65% of the total shares outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting.

Q: Can I vote if I hold shares of Umpqua common stock in the Umpqua Bank 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan?

A: If you are a participant in the Umpqua 401(k) Plan you will receive with this document separate voting instruction cards for shares of Umpqua common stock allocated to your account as a participant or beneficiary

under the Umpqua 401(k) Plan. These voting instruction cards will appoint the trustee of the Umpqua 401(k) Plan to vote shares in accordance with the instructions noted on the card. Please follow the instructions that accompany the card.

Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy card or voted by telephone or electronically?

A: Yes. If you have not voted through your broker, you can do this by:

calling the toll-free number on the proxy card at least 24 hours before the meeting and following the directions provided;

going to the web site listed on the proxy card at least 24 hours before the meeting and following the instructions provided;

submitting a properly executed proxy prior to the meeting bearing a later date than your previous proxy;

notifying Umpqua s corporate Secretary, in writing, of the revocation of your proxy before the meeting; or

voting in person at the meeting, but simply attending the meeting will not, in and of itself, revoke a proxy.

If you voted through your broker, please contact your broker to change or revoke your vote.

Q: If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?

A: Yes, but only if you give your broker instructions. If your shares are held by your broker (or other nominee), you should receive this document and an instruction card from your broker. Your broker will vote your shares if you provide instructions on how to vote. If you do not tell your broker how to vote, your broker may vote your shares in favor of the election of directors and ratification of the auditor appointment but not on the amendments to the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan or the adoption of the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan. However, your broker is not required to vote your shares in this manner if you don t provide instructions.

Q: Can I attend the shareholder meeting even if I vote by proxy?

A: Yes. All shareholders are welcome to attend and we encourage you to do so.

Q: Why did I receive more than one proxy card?

A: You will receive multiple proxy cards if you hold your shares in different ways (e.g. joint tenancy, in trust, custodial accounts). You should vote on and sign each proxy card that you receive.

Q: How do you determine a quorum?

A: Umpqua must have a quorum to conduct any business at the annual meeting. Shareholders holding at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Umpqua common stock as of the record date must attend the meeting in person or by proxy to have a quorum. Umpqua shareholders who attend the meeting or submit a proxy but abstain from voting on a given matter will have their shares counted as present for determining a quorum. Broker non-votes will also be counted as present for establishing a quorum.

Q: How do you count votes?

A: Each share is entitled to one vote. The named proxies will vote shares as instructed on the proxies. In the election of directors, each share is entitled to one vote for each director position to be filled, and shareholders may not cumulate votes. A representative of ADP, will count the votes and serve as our inspector of elections.

Item 1 requires a plurality of the votes cast to elect a director. The eleven director positions to be filled at the annual meeting will be filled by the nominees who receive the highest number of votes.

Item 2 does not require shareholder approval, but the Audit and Compliance Committee and the board are submitting the selection of Moss Adams LLP for ratification to obtain the views of our shareholders. The ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams LLP as the Company s independent auditors requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote.

Items 3 and 4 each require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the meeting.

If you sign, date and mail your proxy card without indicating how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote in favor of each director nominee and in favor of Proposals 2, 3 and 4.

Q: Who pays the cost of proxy solicitation?

A: Umpqua pays the cost of soliciting proxies. We have hired The Altman Group to solicit proxies for this meeting. For these services, we will pay The Altman Group \$8,000 plus expenses estimated at \$5,000. Proxies will be solicited by mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail and personal contact. We may reimburse brokers and other nominee holders, for their expenses in sending proxy material and obtaining proxies. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, our officers and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone, fax, or letter, without extra compensation.

Q: Where do I get more information?

A: If you have questions about the meeting or submitting your proxy, or if you need additional copies of this document, the proxy card or any documents incorporated by reference, you should contact one of the following:

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ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

Item 1. Election of Directors

In 2006, Umpqua's shareholders voted to declassify the board of directors. Umpqua's articles of incorporation and bylaws now provide that directors are elected to serve one-year terms of office. Our articles of incorporation establish the number of directors at between six and nineteen, with the exact number to be fixed from time to time by resolution of the board of directors. The number of directors is currently set at fifteen and it will be reduced to eleven at the time of the annual meeting. In December 2006, the board of directors decided to reduce the size of the board to eleven members effective with the 2007 annual meeting. The board believes that a smaller number of directors will make the board more effective.

Directors are elected by a plurality of votes, which means that the nominees receiving the most votes will be elected, regardless of the number of votes each nominee receives. Shareholders are not entitled to cumulate votes in the election of directors.

The board of directors has nominated the following directors for election to one-year terms that will expire at the 2008 annual meeting:

Ronald F. Angell Scott D. Chambers Raymond P. Davis Allyn C. Ford David B. Frohnmayer Stephen M. Gambee Dan Giustina William A. Lansing Theodore S. Mason Diane D. Miller Bryan L. Timm

Each of the nominees currently serves as a director of Umpqua and of Umpqua Bank. The individuals appointed as proxies in the enclosed proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the nominees listed above. If any nominee is not available for election, the individuals named in the proxy intend to vote for such substitute nominee as the board of directors may designate. Each nominee has agreed to serve on the board and we have no reason to believe any nominee will be unavailable.

Board Recommendation

The board of directors recommends a vote **FOR** the election of all nominees.

Item 2. Ratification of Auditor Appointment

The Audit and Compliance Committee has selected the firm of Moss Adams LLP (Moss Adams), the Company s independent auditors for the year ended December 31, 2006, to act in such capacity for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, and recommends that shareholders vote in favor of such appointment. There are no affiliations between the Company and Moss Adams, its partners, associates or employees, other than those which pertain to the

engagement of Moss Adams in the previous year (i) as independent auditors for the Company and (ii) for certain tax advice and tax planning services. Moss Adams has served as the Company s independent auditors since 2005.

Shareholder approval of the selection of Moss Adams as our independent auditors is not required by law, by our Bylaws or otherwise. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires the Audit and Compliance Committee to be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the audit work and the independent auditors. The Committee will consider the results of the shareholder vote on this proposal and, in the event of a negative vote, will reconsider its selection of Moss Adams. However, the Audit and Compliance Committee is not bound by the shareholder vote.

Even if Moss Adams appointment is ratified by the shareholders, the Audit and Compliance Committee may, in its discretion, appoint a new independent registered public accounting firm at any time if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. A representative of Moss Adams is expected to attend the annual meeting and that representative will have the opportunity to make a statement, if they desire to do so, and to answer appropriate questions.

Board Recommendation

The board of directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of Moss Adams as independent auditor.

Item 3. Amendment of 2003 Stock Incentive Plan

Eligible Participants in 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. Under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan), the board of directors, or its Compensation Committee, may grant equity awards of the Company s common stock in the form of stock options or restricted stock awards to employees, directors, and other persons who provide important services to the Company. There are approximately 1,800 employees, 14 non-employee directors, and other persons from time to time designated by the Committee who are currently eligible to participate in the Plan.

Proposed Amendment. Under Section 3.4 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of shares subject to awards granted under the Plan to an individual in any calendar year is 75,000, except in connection with the hiring or commencement of services from such person, in which case such limit is 100,000 shares during the calendar year. The board of directors desires to amend Section 3.4 of the Plan to increase the maximum limit to 125,000 shares to an individual in any calendar year. The proposed amendment also limits the number of shares subject to restricted stock grants in any calendar year to 40,000 shares. The following is the text of the proposed amendment:

3.<u>4 Annual Limit on Number of Shares to Any One Person</u>. No person will be eligible to receive Awards pursuant to this Plan which, in aggregate, exceed 125,000 shares in any calendar year. In addition to the overall Awards limitation, no person will be eligible to receive Restricted Stock Grants that exceed 40,000 shares in any calendar year. The foregoing limitations shall not apply to Awards of Stock Options in substitution for outstanding stock options of an Acquired Company that are cancelled in connection with the acquisition of an Acquired Company.

Reasons for the Amendment. The above proposed amendment is necessary for the effectiveness of certain grants made in 2007 to the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer, Raymond P. Davis, which in the aggregate would exceed the existing limitations under the Plan. On March 5, 2007, the Executive/Governance Committee, on behalf of the board and acting on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, granted Mr. Davis a ten-year nonqualified stock option to purchase 50,000 shares of stock exercisable at \$26.12 per share, the fair market value on the date of the grant. The option vests 60% as of December 31, 2007, and 20% each on December 31, 2008 and 2009. The Compensation Committee determined that the size of the option grant was appropriate in part to make-up for the smaller than usual option grant to Mr. Davis in 2006. In addition to this grant, the Executive/Governance Committee, acting with the authority of the board and upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved a deferred restricted stock grant of 38,284 shares to Mr. Davis in connection with a restructuring of his Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Davis SERP) to provide a fixed schedule of annual retirement benefits. The deferred restricted stock grant and the restructuring of the Davis SERP will become effective only if the shareholders approve Item 3 on the ballot. In the absence of this restructuring, the annual retirement benefits would continue to increase as Mr. Davis annual salary and cash bonus increases. The Compensation Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the Company to fix the level of the SERP benefits based upon a growth factor of 3.44% per year, significantly lower than the average 24% increase of annual salary and cash bonus actually received from 2002 to 2006. The Compensation Committee recommended the deferred restricted stock grant in consideration for the

agreement by Mr. Davis to fix the benefits under the amended Davis SERP. The size of the grant was based on the projected cut-back in benefits under the Davis SERP as a result of fixing the benefit schedule and the vesting schedule for the deferred restricted stock grant was determined based on the existing SERP vesting schedule. Mr. Davis is not entitled to receive any of the shares until after termination of

his employment and the number of shares to which he is entitled will be reduced if his termination of employment occurs for any reason prior to July 1, 2011 when Mr. Davis is 62.

For further information regarding restructuring of the Davis SERP, see the section entitled *Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis*.

The increase in the size of equity grants upon commencement of hiring is also necessary for the Company to remain competitive in the hiring of key employees by offering equity based incentives.

The following table reflects those grants under the Plan that are subject to shareholder approval of the proposed amendment.

	2003 Stock Incentive Plan (Grants Subject to Amendment)	Number of Shares Covered by
Name and Position	Dollar Value (\$)(1)	Grants
Raymond P. Davis, Pres. & CEO Daniel A. Sullivan, EVP CFO Brad F. Copeland, SEVP-Operations & Chief Credit Officer David M. Edson, EVP, President Umpqua Bank NW Region William T. Fike, EVP, President Umpqua Bank California	\$ 1,000,000	38,284
Executive Group Non-Executive Director Group Non-Executive Employee Group	\$ 1,000,000	38,284

(1) The number of shares subject to the deferred restricted stock grant to Mr. Davis was determined based on dividing \$1.0 million by the fair market value of the Company s common stock on the date of grant (\$26.12) per share. The \$1.0 million represents the negotiated value of the projected cost to Mr. Davis of fixing the benefit schedule under the Davis SERP, assuming a 6.24% increase in annual compensation.

The Compensation Committee and the Board retain the discretion to issue or not issue awards under the Plan.

Other Amendments to the Plan. Shareholder approval is required for any amendment to the Plan which increases the number of shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Plan, expands the group of persons eligible to receive awards or any other amendment which otherwise requires shareholder approval under any applicable law, accounting principle or listing requirements. The board of directors may otherwise amend the Plan as it deems advisable. Pursuant to this discretionary amendment authority, the board of directors has recently made the following amendments to the Plan to bring the Plan into compliance with best practices for corporate governance:

Determination of Fair Market Value. The definition of fair market value under the Plan has been amended so that fair market value is the reported closing sales price of the Company s common stock on the date of grant, or if no such transaction occurred on such date, on the last date on which trades occurred. Prior to amendment,

fair market value was determined based on the average between the lowest and highest reported sales prices on such dates. The change simplifies the methodology for determining fair market value and is consistent with the Securities and Exchange Commission s new compensation reporting requirements.

Prohibiting Repricing. The Plan as amended expressly indicates that neither the board of directors, nor the Committee, has the authority to reprice outstanding stock options or to cancel outstanding stock option and grant new stock options in substitution having an exercise price less than the cancelled stock options, without shareholder approval. This repricing prohibition provision may not be amended without shareholder approval. The board of directors believe that this amendment is consistent with corporate governance best practices.

Prohibiting Loans. The Plan as amended expressly prohibits the Company from extending loans to a participant in connection with the exercise or receipt of an award under the Plan. Consistent with this prohibition, the provisions in the Plan related to payment of exercise price were also amended to delete payment by promissory note as a permissible method of payment. This amendment is consistent with the prohibition on extension of credit or arrangement for the extension of credit to executive officers under Section 13(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enacted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Mandatory Adjustment Based on Changes in Capital Structure. Prior to amendment, the Plan permitted the Committee, in its discretion, to make adjustments in the number and kind of authorized shares under the Plan, the securities covered by outstanding options, and the exercise price of outstanding options, in event of certain changes in the Company s capital structure, including as a result of a merger, consolidation, reclassification, stock split or combination or stock dividend. As amended, such adjustments are now required to reflect the applicable change in capital structure. This amendment was necessary for compliance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123R.

A copy of the amended 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, including the amendment proposed for shareholder approval and the recent amendments by the board, is included in this proxy statement as Appendix A.

Board Recommendation

The board of directors recommends a vote FOR amendment of the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.

Item 4. Adoption of the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan

Based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, the Executive/Governance Committee, acting with the authority of the board of directors adopted the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan (the 2007 Plan) on March 5, 2007, subject to shareholder approval. Shareholder approval is required for performance based compensation earned under the 2007 Plan to be exempt from the deduction limitations contained in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations.

Summary of the 2007 Plan

Shares Reserved for Issuance. The 2007 Plan reserves 1,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock for issuance to executive officers in the form of restricted stock units.

Maximum Award. The maximum number of shares that may be subject to an award to any participant in a calendar year under the 2007 Plan is 70,000, except in connection with hiring, in which case the maximum award for that year is 100,000.

Participants. Each executive officer of the Company or of a subsidiary of the Company is eligible to participate in the 2007 Plan.

Administration. The Compensation Committee, which is comprised solely of independent directors, is responsible for administering the 2007 Plan.

Restricted Stock Unit Grants. The Plan authorizes the award of restricted stock unit grants, which are subject to performance-based vesting, as well as any other vesting requirements established by the Compensation Committee for a grant, such as time-based service vesting. The performance goals for vesting must be established by the

Compensation Committee within the first 90 days of the performance period, not to exceed the first 25% of the performance period. The performance goals must be objectively determinable, such that a third party having knowledge of the relevant facts could determine whether the goal is met. The outcome of a performance goal must be substantially uncertain at the time the performance goal is established. The performance period for performance-based vesting of any grant may extend over one to five calendar years, and may overlap the performance period of another grant to the same executive, provided no two performance periods for the same executive may consist solely of the same calendar years.

Performance Criteria. For compensation to be deemed performance based under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, the performance goals must be based on one or more business criteria approved by

shareholders (the Performance Criteria), which may relate to total Company performance or the performance of an identifiable business unit. The 2007 Plan provides for the following Performance Criteria:

net income of the Company;

earnings per share net income divided by the Company s fully diluted outstanding shares;

return on average equity net income divided by average shareholders total equity or tangible equity for the period; and

total shareholder return percent increase over a period in the value of an investor s holdings in the Common Stock assuming reinvestment of dividends.

The Committee may base the performance goals for a Restricted Stock Unit Grant on one or more of these Performance Criteria. The performance goals are specific targets, schedules or thresholds against which actual performance is to be measured for purpose of determining the amount of vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit Grant. A Performance Goal may be expressed in any form as the Committee may determine including, but not limited to:

percentage growth;

absolute growth;

cumulative growth;

performance in relation to an index;

performance in relation to peer company performance;

a designated absolute amount; or

per share of common stock outstanding.

The formula with respect to Performance Criteria may include or exclude items to measure specific objectives, such as discontinued operations, extraordinary gains or losses, the cumulative effect of accounting changes, acquisitions or divestitures, merger or acquisition related expenses and any unusual, nonrecurring gain or loss, and will be based on accounting rules and accounting policies and practices in effect on the date the Performance Goals as approved by the Committee.

Grants under the 2007 Plan (subject to Shareholder Approval). The Compensation Committee granted restricted stock units to Raymond P. Davis, President and Chief Executive Officer; Brad F. Copeland, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer; David M. Edson, Executive Vice President and President Umpqua Bank NW Region; and William T. Fike, Executive Vice President and President Umpqua Bank California. The issuance of shares pursuant to these grants is conditioned on shareholder approval of the 2007 Plan.

The grants are subject to both a performance-based vesting requirement and a three-year service vesting requirement. The performance-based vesting is based on the Company s earnings per share growth (EPS Growth), as compared to specified peer financial institutions with total assets ranging from \$4.0 billion to \$15.0 billion. The following companies were selected as the peer group with respect to the 2007 grants: *City National Corp, UCBH Holding Inc, Wintrust Financial Corp, Sterling Financial Corp, Trustmark Corp, First Midwest Bancorp, Susquehanna Bancshares*

Inc, Old National Bancorp, Cathay General Bancorp, Greater Bay Bancorp, Pacific Capital Bancorp, United Bankshares Inc, Chittenden Corp, Provident Bancshares Inc, Irwin Financial Corp, CVB Financial Corp, SVB Financial Corp, First Community Bancorp, and Glacier Bancorp.

Under circumstances such as a merger, bankruptcy, delisting or sale of a peer financial institution, prior to the end of the performance period, the peer institution is removed from the list. The Committee reserves the right to change the composition of the peer group from time to time.

EPS Growth means the compounded annual fully diluted earnings per share growth rate over the measurement period, with earnings per share based on net income excluding merger or acquisition related expenses for any applicable period, but including any amortization for core deposit intangible.

For performance-based vesting purposes, the units under each grant are divided into three tranches. The performance-based vesting of the first tranche is based on EPS Growth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007; vesting of the second tranche is based on EPS Growth over the two year period ending December 31, 2008; and vesting of the third tranche is based on EPS Growth over the three year period ending December 31, 2009. Provided however, if the Company s EPS Growth is negative for 2007, the performance period for both the first and second tranches will be based upon the Company s comparative EPS Growth rate over the two year period and if the EPS Growth rate is negative for the two year period, vesting period for units otherwise vesting in the second year will be based on the EPS Growth rate over the three year period ending December 31, 2009. Units vested based on the performance-based measurement will not be fully vested unless the executive s employment continues through February 15, 2010. The time-based service vesting requirement is accelerated and waived, however, in the event the executive s employment terminates before February 15, 2010, as a result of termination by the Company without Cause (as defined in the 2007 Plan) or by the executive for Good Reason (as defined in the 2007 Plan), or in the event of a Change in Control (as defined in the 2007 Plan). Under these circumstances, any tranches which have not been measured for performance-based vesting will be measured based on the Company s performance for the performance period ended as of the fiscal quarter end prior to such termination or Change in Control. In the event of termination without Cause or for Good Reason, the vested amount of units will be prorated for the portion of the three-year service period actually served. In the event of a Change in Control, there is no reduction in vested units based on the shortened service period. The number of shares issued in settlement of the grant is based on the number of vested units.

The target number of units under Mr. Davis s grant is 39,000 (15,000; 14,000; and 10,000 units for each of the respective tranches). The target number of units under Messrs. Copeland, Edson, and Fike s grants are each 24,000 (12,000; 8,000; and 4,000 units for each of the respective tranches). Each of the executives has the possibility of receiving a maximum of 175% of their target units; therefore, the maximum number of shares issuable under Mr. Davis s grant is 68,250 shares and under each of the three other executive officers grants is 42,000 shares.

For purposes of these grants, the following is the applicable Performance Vesting Matrix.

(A) EPS Growth Peer Group Value Range (Rank/Total in Peer Group)		(B) Vesting Percentage of Target Units in Tranche		
0.00	0.175	175 %		
0.176	0.275	150 %		
0.276	0.375	125 %		
0.376	0.625	100~%		
0.626	0.725	75 %		
0.726	0.825	50 %		
0.826	0.925	25 %		
0.926	1.00	0 %		

The Peer Group institutions are ranked and assigned integer numbers with the highest performing institution receiving a ranking = 1. To determine the EPS Growth Peer Group Value (Column A), the Company s rank is divided by the total number of institutions in the Peer Group (including the Company). The applicable vesting percentage (Column B) is determined based on the corresponding EPS Growth Peer Group Value, as shown in the matrix above.

The following table reflects the number of restricted stock units under the 2007 Plan that have been granted, subject to shareholder approval of the 2007 Plan. The number of units indicated below represents the maximum number of shares that may be issuable in connection with these grants made in 2007. The actual number of shares that will be issued is subject to the performance-based and service vesting requirement previously discussed.

Name and Position	2007 Long Term Incentive Plan Dollar Value (\$)(1)	Number of Units(2)
Raymond P. Davis, President, CEO	\$ 1,782,690	68,250
Daniel A. Sullivan, EVP, CFO		
Brad F. Copeland, SEVP, Chief Credit Officer	\$ 1,097,040	42,000
David M. Edson, EVP, President Umpqua Bank NW		
Region	\$ 1,097,040	42,000
William T. Fike, EVP, President Umpqua Bank		
California	\$ 1,097,040	42,000
Executive Group	\$ 5,073,810	194,250
Non-Executive Directors		
Non-Executive Officer Employee Group		

- (1) The dollar value is based on the closing price of the Company s common stock on March 5, 2007 of \$26.12, multiplied by the number of units, which represents the maximum number of shares issuable, assuming maximum vesting of the award.
- (2) The number of units represents the maximum number of shares issuable, assuming maximum vesting of the award.

Future Grants. The above-described grants made in 2007 may not reflect the grant recipients, performance periods, performance vesting criteria, peer group, peer group performance goals, or applicable vesting percentages for future grants under the 2007 Plan. The Committee has broad discretion in making Restricted Stock Unit Grants and determining the applicable performance goals and other vesting requirements, provided the performance goals are based on one or more of the above-listed Performance Criteria.

Amendments. The board may modify or amend the 2007 Plan as it deems advisable except amendments that increase the number of shares of common stock issuable under the 2007 Plan, expand the group of persons eligible to receive grants or must be approved by shareholders under applicable law, would not be effective unless also subsequently approved by shareholders.

Federal Tax Consequences. For federal income tax purposes, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally prohibits us from deducting employee compensation that otherwise would be deductible to the extent such compensation exceeds \$1.0 million for the Chief Executive Officer and other four highest compensated officers in any fiscal year. Compensation that is performance-based, as defined in Section 162(m), is not subject to the deductibility limitations if the plan pursuant to which performance-based compensation is paid satisfies certain criteria. The 2007 Plan is intended to address the limitation on deductibility by providing for compensation that qualifies as performance-based compensation.

Compensation paid under the 2007 Plan will not be subject to the deduction limit if:

it is payable on account of the attainment of pre-established, objective performance goals based Performance Criteria set forth within the 2007 Plan;

the Compensation Committee, which is comprised solely of outside directors, approves the maximum individual awards on or near the beginning of each performance period;

the 2007 Plan, which sets forth the material terms of the compensation and the Performance Criteria, is disclosed to and approved by shareholders before payment; and

the Compensation Committee certifies that the performance goals have been satisfied before payment.

The 2007 Plan provides for each of the above requirements. A copy of the 2007 Plan is included as Appendix B to this document.

Board Recommendation

The board of directors recommends a vote FOR the adoption of the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan.

Other Business

The board of directors knows of no other matters to be brought before the shareholders at the meeting. In the event other matters are presented for a vote at the meeting, the proxy holders will vote shares represented by properly executed proxies at their discretion in accordance with their judgment on such matters. At the meeting, management will report on our business and shareholders will have the opportunity to ask questions.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document contains and incorporates by reference forward-looking statements about Umpqua that are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may include statements regarding business strategies, management plans and objectives for future operations. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. You can find many of these statements by looking for words such as anticipates, expects, believes, estimates and intends and or phrases of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and are generally beyond the control of Umpqua. Risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

Competitive market pricing factors for compensation and benefits;

Changes in legal or regulatory requirements; and

The ability to recruit and retain certain key management and staff.

There are many factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements. For a more detailed discussion of some of the risk factors, see the section entitled *Risk Factors* in Umpqua s 10-K and other filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this document. Umpqua does not intend to update these forward-looking statements. You should consider any written or oral forward-looking statements in light of this explanation, and we caution you about relying on forward-looking statements.

INFORMATION ABOUT DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Directors

The age (as of March 1, 2007), business experience, and position of each of the directors currently serving are as follows:

Ronald F. Angell, age 64, was appointed to the board in July 2004. He served as a director of Humboldt Bancorp from 1996 until it was acquired by the Company in 2004. He served as a director of Humboldt Bank from 1989 to the date of the merger. Mr. Angell is a retired attorney and was a partner in the Eureka, California firm of Roberts, Hill, Bragg, Angell & Perlman.

Mathew A. Bruno, age 63, was appointed to the board in June 2006. Mr. Bruno was a former Western Sierra Bancorp director. He was a founding director of Central California Bank and is currently the President of Turlock Dairy & Refrigeration, Inc., a large distributor of dairy equipment.

Scott D. Chambers, age 47, has served as a director since 1999. Mr. Chambers is President of Chambers Communications Corp. of Eugene, Oregon, a telecommunications company that owns and operates a cable television system, network broadcast television stations, and a film and video production company.

Raymond P. Davis, age 57, serves as director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Umpqua, positions he has held since the Company s formation in 1999. Mr. Davis has served as a director of Umpqua Bank since June 1994. He has served as Chief Executive Officer of Umpqua Bank from June 1994 to December 2000 and from November 2002

to the present. He has also served as President of Umpqua Bank from June 1994 to December 2000 and from March 2003 to the present. Prior to joining Umpqua Bank in 1994, he was President of US Banking Alliance in Atlanta, Georgia, a bank consulting firm. He has over 20 years experience in banking and related industries.

Allyn C. Ford, age 65, serves as Chairman of the board of directors and has served as a director since the Company s formation in 1999 and as a director of Umpqua Bank for 30 years. Mr. Ford is President of Roseburg Forest Products, a fully integrated wood products manufacturer located in Roseburg, Oregon. Mr. Ford has over 30 years of management experience with Roseburg Forest Products.

David B. Frohnmayer, age 66, has served as a director since the Company s formation in 1999 and as a director of Umpqua Bank since 1996. Mr. Frohnmayer is the President of the University of Oregon in Eugene, and has served in that capacity since 1994. He is the former Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law and former Attorney General of the State of Oregon. Until December 2003, he served on the board of Tax-Free Trust of Oregon.

Stephen M. Gambee, age 43, was appointed to the board in July 2005. He is the President and CEO and a shareholder of Rogue Valley Properties, Inc. and a Managing Member of Rogue Waste Systems LLC, solid waste collection and disposal businesses. Prior to assuming the duties of the family businesses, Mr. Gambee was employed by Robert Charles Lesser & Co./Hobson & Associates as the Pacific Northwest Director of Consulting.

Dan Giustina, age 57, serves as Vice-Chair of Umpqua s board and has served as a director since the Centennial Bancorp merger in November 2002. He served as a director of Centennial Bancorp and Centennial Bank from 1995 to 2002. Mr. Giustina is managing partner of Giustina Resources, which owns and manages timberland, and a member and manager of G Group LLC, which owns and manages residential and commercial real estate. Mr. Giustina is the past Chairman of the University of Oregon Foundation, a board member of the Oregon Forest Industries Council, and serves on the advisory boards of University of Oregon s Lundquist College of Business and States Industries, Inc.

Diana E. Goldschmidt, age 59, was appointed as a director of Umpqua in May 2003 and was elected to the board in 2004. Since 1999, she has been the owner of Urban Design Works, LLC, a consulting firm in Portland, Oregon. She is also the former Vice Chair of the Oregon Investment Council and previously served on the Advisory Board of Directors for Key Bank of Oregon from 1997 to 2003. In 1999, she served as interim superintendent of the Portland Public School District. Her principal career was spent in the senior human resources and later senior operations executive officer positions of Pacific Power & Light Company and Pacific Telecom, Inc.

Lynn K. Herbert, age 55, has served as a director since the Company s formation and as a director of Umpqua Bank since 1993. Mr. Herbert is General Manager of Herbert Lumber Company in Riddle, Oregon, and has served in that capacity since 1988. Mr. Herbert has over 20 years of management experience with Herbert Lumber Company.

William A. Lansing, age 61, has served as a director since December 2001. He previously served as a director of Independent Financial Network, Inc. from 1991 until its merger with Umpqua in December 2001. Mr. Lansing is the retired President and Chief Executive Officer of Menasha Forest Products Corporation in North Bend, Oregon, and has over 38 years of experience in the forest products industry. Mr. Lansing serves as a director of Torrent Energy Corporation.

Theodore S. Mason, age 64, was appointed to the board in July 2004 and elected in May 2005. Mr. Mason is retired and he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Humboldt Bancorp from January 1996 to April 2002 and of Humboldt Bank from 1989 to 2000. He served as a director of Humboldt Bancorp from 1996 to 2004 and as a director of Humboldt Bank from 1989 to 2004.

Diane D. Miller, age 53, was appointed to the board in July 2004 and elected in May 2005. She has been President of Wilcox, Miller & Nelson an executive search and outplacement firm since August 1986. Ms. Miller served as a director of Humboldt Bancorp and Humboldt Bank from January to July 2004 and she currently serves on the boards of the California Chamber of Commerce and the Northern California Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors and as a Regent of the University of the Pacific.

Bryan L. Timm, age 43, was appointed to the board in December 2004 and elected in May 2005. He is the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Columbia Sportswear Company, a global leader in the design, sourcing, marketing, and distribution of active outdoor apparel and footwear. Prior to joining Columbia Sportswear in

1997, Mr. Timm, a CPA, held various financial positions for another Portland based public company, Oregon Steel Mills, Inc. He began his financial career with the international accounting firm of KPMG. The board has determined that Mr. Timm is independent and qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under applicable regulations.

Thomas W. Weborg, age 64, was appointed to the board in July 2004 and elected in May 2005. He is the retired President and Chief Executive Officer of Java City, a wholesale supplier and retailer of coffee-related

products and services. Mr. Weborg served on the board of Humboldt Bancorp from November 2000 to July 2004. He was a director of Humboldt Bank from June 2002 to July 2004 and prior to that, chairman of Capitol Valley Bank from 1999 until June 2002.

Director Independence

The board of directors has determined that all directors except Mr. Davis are independent, as defined in the NASDAQ listing standards. In determining the independence of directors, the board considered the responses to Director & Officer Questionnaires that indicated no transactions with directors other than banking transactions with Umpqua Bank and arrangements under which Umpqua Bank leases certain facilities from entities in which directors have indirect material interests. The board also considered the lack of any other reported transactions or arrangements; directors are required to report conflicts of interest and transactions with the Company pursuant to our Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Ethics. See the section below entitled *Related Party Transactions* for additional information.

Executive Officers

The age (as of March 1, 2007), business experience, and position of our executive officers other than Raymond P. Davis, about whom information is provided above, are as follows:

Barbara J. Baker, age 57, serves as Executive Vice President Cultural Enhancement at Umpqua and Umpqua Bank, positions she has held since September 2002. Ms. Baker served as Oregon site executive for IBM s server division (formerly Sequent Computer Systems, Inc.), where she managed human resources services and programs as well as corporate communications and community relations. Prior to joining Sequent, Ms. Baker served as Vice President of Human Resources for First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo).

Brad F. Copeland, age 58, serves as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Umpqua and Umpqua Bank. He has served as Chief Credit Officer since December 1, 2000. Mr. Copeland served as Executive Vice President and Credit Administrator of VRB Bancorp and Valley of the Rogue Bank from January 1996 until their merger with Umpqua in December 2000.

David M. Edson, age 57, serves as Executive Vice President of Umpqua and as President-Umpqua Bank-NW Region, positions he has held since joining Umpqua in October 2002. Prior to that time, he served as President of Bank of America, Idaho. Mr. Edson has over 25 years of experience in banking in the Pacific Northwest including as Executive Vice President for First Interstate Bank and as Chairman, CEO and President of First Interstate Bank of Idaho.

Ronald L. Farnsworth, age 36, serves as Senior Vice President Finance of Umpqua, a position he has held since September 2004 and Principal Accounting Officer of Umpqua, a position he has held since March 2005. From January 2002 to September 2004, Mr. Farnsworth served as Vice President Finance of Umpqua. Mr. Farnsworth served as Chief Financial Officer of Independent Financial Network, Inc. (IFN) and its subsidiary Security Bank from July 1998 to the time of IFN s acquisition by Umpqua in December 2001.

William T. Fike, age 59, serves as Executive Vice President of Umpqua and as President-Umpqua Bank-California, positions he has held since joining Umpqua in May 2005. Prior to that time, he served as Executive Vice President of Bank of the West in Walnut Creek, California, a position he held since 1999.

Steven L. Philpott, age 55, serves as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Umpqua and Umpqua Bank, positions he has held since November 2002. He has served as Corporate Secretary of Umpqua and Umpqua Bank

since 2004. Mr. Philpott served as General Counsel for Centennial Bancorp from October 1995 until its merger with Umpqua in November 2002. Prior to that time, he was in private practice in Eugene, Oregon.

Daniel A. Sullivan, age 55, serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Umpqua and Umpqua Bank. He has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 1997. Prior to that time, Mr. Sullivan served as Vice President of Finance for Instromedix of Hillsboro, Oregon and worked as Senior Vice President and Controller for US Bancorp in Portland, Oregon.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS

The following table sets forth the shares of common stock beneficially owned as of February 9, 2007, by each director and each Named Executive Officer, the directors and executive officers as a group and those persons known to beneficially own more than 5% of Umpqua s common stock.

		Amount and Nature of Beneficial	Percent
Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Ownership(1)	of Class
*	Lynn K. Herbert	575,300(2)	1.0%
*	Raymond P. Davis	363,758(3,4)	**
*	Allyn C. Ford	166,789	**
*	Daniel A. Sullivan	138,352(5)	**
*	Theodore S. Mason	138,136(6)	**
*	Ronald F. Angell	127,797(7)	**
*	Dan Giustina	114,095(8)	**
*	Brad F. Copeland	82,635(3,9)	**
*	Mathew A. Bruno	59,318	**
*	David M. Edson	57,742(10)	**
*	Thomas W. Weborg	35,937(11)	**
*	William A. Lansing	33,835(3)	**
*	William T. Fike	20,161(12)	**
*	David B. Frohnmayer	14,043(3)	**
*	Scott D. Chambers	12,072	**
*	Stephen M. Gambee	8,174	**
*	Diana E. Goldschmidt	7,586	**
*	Diane D. Miller	5,913(3)	**
*	Bryan L. Timm	2,724	**
	All directors and executive officers as a group		
	(22 persons)	2,056,547(2-12)	3.5%
	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner		
*	Capital Research and Management Company	3,049,700(13)	5.3%
	333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071		
	Barclay s Global Investors, N.A./Barclay s Global		
*	Investors,	3,772,102(14)	6.5%
	LTD/Barclay s Global Fund Advisors		
	(combined) 45 Fremont Street, San Francisco, CA 94105		
	Select Equity Group, Inc./ Select Offshore Advisors, LLC		
*	and	4,150,999(15)	7.15%
	George S. Loening (combined)		
	380 Lafayette Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10003		

- * No par value common stock.
- ** Less than 1.0%.
- (1) Shares held directly with sole voting and investment power, unless otherwise indicated. Shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan have been rounded down to the nearest whole share. Includes shares held indirectly in Director Deferred Compensation Plans, 401(k) Plans and IRAs.
- (2) Includes shares held jointly with his spouse. Also includes shares held as trustee.
- (3) Includes shares held with or by his/her spouse.
- (4) Includes 212,500 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (5) Includes 74,000 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.

- (6) Includes 55,546 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (7) Includes 15,208 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (8) Includes 6,316 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (9) Includes 56,920 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (10) Includes 42,000 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (11) Includes 10,227 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (12) Includes 7,500 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.
- (13) This information is taken from a Schedule 13G/A filed February 12, 2007 with respect to holdings as of December 29, 2006. The reporting person has disclaimed beneficial ownership pursuant to SEC Rule 13d-4.
- (14) This information is taken from a Schedule 13G filed January 23, 2007 with respect to holdings as of December 31, 2006. The reporting person reports that the shares are held in trust for the economic benefit of the account beneficiaries.
- (15) This information is taken from a Schedule 13G/A filed February 15, 2007 with respect to holdings as of December 31, 2006.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information about equity compensation plans that provide for the award of securities or the grant of options to purchase securities to employees and directors of Umpqua, its subsidiaries and its predecessors by merger that were in effect at December 31, 2006.

Equit	y Compensation Plan Inf	formation
		Number of
		Securities
		Remaining
		Available
		for Future Issuance
Number of		
Securities to		under Equity
		Compensation
Be Issued upon	Weighted-Average	Plans
Exercise of		Excluding
Outstanding	Exercise Price of	Securities
Options,	Outstanding	
Warrants	Options,	Reflected in
	Warrants and	
and Rights(1)	Rights	Column (a)(2)(3)
(a)	(b)	(c)

Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,806,818	\$ 14.78	1,237,450
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	0	0
Total	1,806,818	\$ 14.78	1,237,450

- (1) Includes 198,326 shares issued under Centennial Bancorp s stock option plans, having a weighted average exercise price of \$6.659 per share at December 31, 2006. Includes 371,206 shares issued under Humboldt Bancorp s stock option plans, having a weighted average exercise price of \$8.5062 per share at December 31, 2006. Includes 209,305 shares issued under Western Sierra Bancorp s stock option plans, having a weighted average exercise price of \$15.0431. In connection with mergers, Umpqua assumed Centennial s, Humboldt s and Western Sierra s obligations under their respective stock option plans.
- (2) Includes 1,000 unvested restricted stock award shares under Humboldt Bancorp plans that were assumed in connection with the acquisition of Humboldt Bancorp in July 2004.
- (3) At Umpqua s 2003 Annual Meeting, shareholders approved the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. The plan authorized the issuance of 2,000,000 shares of stock through awards of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options or restricted stock grants; provided awards of stock options and restricted stock grants under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, when added to options outstanding under all other plans, are limited to a maximum 10% of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

Our board of directors believes that its primary role is to ensure that we maximize shareholder value in a manner consistent with legal requirements and the highest standards of integrity. The board has adopted and adheres to a Statement of Governance Principles, which the board and senior management believe promote this purpose, are sound and represent the best practices for our Company. We regularly review these governance principles and practices in light of Oregon law, Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, the rules and listing standards of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and best practices suggested by recognized governance authorities.

Statement of Governance Principles and Charters

Our Statement of Governance Principles and the charter of each of our board committees can be viewed on our website at <u>www.umpquaholdingscorp.com/corporate governance</u>. This Statement is also available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Each board committee operates under a written charter.

Employee Code Of Conduct

The Company has adopted a code of conduct, referred to as the Business Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code. We require all employees to adhere to this code in addressing legal and ethical issues that they encounter in the course of doing their work. This code requires our employees to avoid conflicts of interest, comply with all laws and regulations, conduct business in an honest and ethical manner and otherwise act with integrity and in the Company s best interest. All newly hired employees are required to certify that they have reviewed and understand this code. In addition, each year all other employees are reminded of, and asked to affirmatively acknowledge, their obligation to follow the code.

This code provides that our employees may report confidential and anonymous complaints to an ethics hotline maintained by an independent vendor. These complaints may be made online or by calling a toll-free phone number. Complaints relating to financial matters are routed to our Chief Auditor. Other complaints, such as those dealing with employee issues, are routed to another appropriate executive manager for review. Employees are encouraged to report any conduct that they believe in good faith to be an actual or apparent violation of law or a violation of our Business Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code.

In addition, the Company has adopted a Code of Ethics for Financial Officers, which applies to our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer, our principal accounting officer, our controller and all other officers serving in a finance, accounting, tax or investor relations role. This code for financial officers supplements our Business Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code and is intended to promote honest and ethical conduct, full and accurate financial reporting and to maintain confidentiality of the Company s proprietary and customer information.

Our Business Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code and Code of Ethics for Financial Officers are available in the Corporate Governance section of our web site www.umpquaholdingscorp.com.

Nomination Procedures

Our Statement of Governance Principles describes the qualifications that the Company looks for in its nominees to the board of directors. Directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and should be committed to representing the long-term interests of our shareholders. The board will consider the

policy-making experience of the candidate in the major business activities of the Company and its subsidiaries. The board will also consider whether the nominee is representative of the major markets in which the Company operates. Directors must be willing to devote sufficient time to effectively carry out their duties and responsibilities and must be committed to serve on the board for at least the term to which they are elected. Nominees should not serve on more than three boards of public companies in addition to the Company s board. The board s policy provides that no person shall be eligible for election or reelection as a director if that person will reach the age of 70 at the time of that person s election or reelection, provided that a director who reaches age 70 during his or her term, shall complete the term for which that director was elected.

A shareholder may recommend a candidate to the board and that recommendation will be reviewed and evaluated by our Nominating Committee. Our Committee will use the same procedures and criteria for evaluating nominees recommended by shareholders as it does for nominees selected by the Company. Shareholder recommendations for board candidates should be submitted to the Company s Corporate Secretary, Steven Philpott at Umpqua Holdings Corporation s Legal Department, P.O. Box 1560, Eugene, OR 97440.

In 2006, we received no recommendations for board candidates from shareholders. As a part of the Western Sierra Bancorp acquisition, we invited their board members to apply for the one director position that was being added to our board in connection with that transaction. Following review of those applications, the board of directors selected Mathew Bruno for appointment to our board.

Changes in Nomination Procedures

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominee s to our board of directors since our procedures were disclosed in the proxy statement for the 2006 annual meeting.

Shareholder Communications

Our directors are active in their respective communities and they receive comments, suggestions, recommendations and questions from shareholders, customers and other interested parties on an ongoing basis. Our directors are encouraged to share those questions, comments and concerns with other directors and with our CEO. Comments and questions may be directed to our board by submitting them in writing to the Company s Corporate Secretary, Steven Philpott at Umpqua Holdings Corporation s Legal Department, P.O. Box 1560, Eugene, OR 97440. These comments will be communicated to the board at its next regular meeting. No communications of this type were received from shareholders in 2006. The Company has no formal policy regarding the attendance of directors at the annual meeting of shareholders, which have historically been held in Roseburg. The board has expressed a desire to increase board attendance at the annual meeting and the 2007 annual meeting is scheduled for Portland, Oregon on the day before a scheduled regular meeting of the board, to facilitate board attendance. Portland may also be a more convenient location for more of our shareholders. Four directors attended the 2006 annual meeting.

Board Evaluations

Each year, our board evaluates the performance of its committees and its members. This evaluation process occurs in two stages. Each board member answers a questionnaire designed to rate, on a scale of one to five, the performance of each board committee on which that director serves, with respect to a number of components relevant to that committee s functions. The answers and comments are compiled anonymously and reviewed by the committee as a whole, and reported to the full board. The Executive/Governance Committee then reviews those results and recommends changes in committee structure and function to the full board.

In addition, board members fill out a confidential self evaluation of their own performance, which is delivered to the board chair. The board chair then reviews that information with the board member and solicits input from each committee chair with respect to the board member s performance. The Nominating Committee considers this information when recommending a slate of candidates to be nominated by the full board.

Succession Planning

Succession planning for the CEO and other named executive officer positions is one of the board s most important duties. Each year, the CEO presents his written succession plan to the Nominating Committee, which is accompanied

by his review of up to three internal candidates who should be considered to replace him and his recommendation as to which, if any, internal candidate should be considered to replace him in the event he cannot serve. Under the current plan, any internal candidate selected on an interim basis will have the opportunity to compete for the position with other candidates that come forward in an internal and external search. Each of the other named executive officers has a written succession plan that is reviewed with the CEO annually.

Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

The board of directors met seven times during 2006, including two special meetings relating to the acquisition of Western Sierra Bancorp and a three-day strategic planning retreat. At the retreat, the board and executive management focus on how to best sustain the Company s growth strategy while maintaining Umpqua s unique culture and commitment to community banking. All board committees have regularly scheduled meetings except the Nominating Committee, which meets as appropriate, upon the call of its chairperson. Board committee chairs call for additional regular and special meetings of their committees, as they deem appropriate. In 2006, each director attended at least 75% of the board meetings, as well as meetings of committees on which the director served. Mr. Bruno became a director in June 2006 and attended all board meetings and all meetings of committees on which he serves after that date.

The board and each of our board committees regularly meet in executive session.

At December 31, 2006, the board of directors had seven active board committees: The Audit and Compliance Committee, the Budget Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Executive/Governance Committee, the Financial Services Committee, the Loan and Investment Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

The table below shows current membership information for each board committee:

	C Chair	person	V Vic	e Chair	Memb	er	
	Audit and Compliance	Budget	Compensation	Executive/ Governance	Financial Services	Loan and Investment	Nominating
Ronald F. Angell Mathew A. Bruno Scott D. Chambers Raymond P. Davis Allyn C. Ford				С	С	С	С
David B. Frohnmayer Stephen M. Gambee Dan Giustina Diana E. Goldschmidt Lynn K. Herbert William A. Lansing Theodore S. Mason Diane D. Miller Bryan L. Timm	C V	С	C V		V	v	

Thomas W. Weborg

Audit and Compliance Committee

The board of directors has a standing Audit and Compliance Committee that meets with our independent registered public accounting firm to plan for and review the annual audit reports. The Committee meets at least four times per year and is responsible for overseeing our internal controls and the financial reporting process. As of January 1, 2007, the members of the Committee were directors Giustina (Chair), Angell, Frohnmayer, Goldschmidt (Vice Chair), Herbert, Miller and Timm. Each member of the Committee is independent, as independence is defined under Rule 4200(a)(15) of the listing standards of the NASD. The board of directors has adopted an Audit and Compliance Committee Charter, a copy of which is available on our web site in the Corporate Governance section of www.umpquaholdingscorp.com. The charter provides that only independent directors may serve on the Committee. The charter further provides that at least one member shall have past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individual s financial sophistication, including being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities. The board of

directors has determined that Bryan L. Timm meets the SEC criteria for an audit committee financial expert. The board of directors believes that each of the current members of the Committee has education and/or employment experience that provides them with appropriate financial sophistication to serve on the Committee. In 2006, the Audit and Compliance Committee met seven times. In addition to these formal meetings, the Committee previews earnings releases and periodic reports to be filed with the SEC and it usually meets by telephone conference to discuss those documents.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee reviews and oversees our budgeting process, including the annual operating budget and the capital expenditure budget. It also oversees dividend planning and our stock repurchase programs. Effective January 1, 2007, the members of the Committee were directors Lansing (Chair), Chambers, Davis, Gambee, Miller, Timm and Weborg. The Committee meets at least quarterly. In 2006, the Budget Committee met five times, including one special meeting.

Compensation Committee

See Introduction to the section entitled, Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Executive/Governance Committee

The Executive/Governance Committee may, subject to limitations in our Bylaws and under Oregon law, exercise all authority of the full board when the full board in not in session. This Committee is responsible for the review and oversight of the Company s strategic planning process, corporate governance, consideration of the Company s merger and acquisition opportunities and oversight of the board s structure. This Committee is comprised of the chairman of the board, the chair of each board committee and Umpqua s CEO. Effective January 1, 2007, the members of the Committee were directors Ford (Chair), Angell, Chambers, Davis, Giustina and Lansing. This Committee meets at least quarterly. In 2006, the Executive/Governance Committee met four times.

Financial Services Committee

The Financial Services Committee reviews and oversees the operations of Strand Atkinson Williams & York, Inc. and Umpqua Bank s Private Client Services division. This Committee serves as Strand s board of directors, as well as the board of directors of Bancorp Financial Services, another subsidiary of the Company that is currently winding up a securitized lease portfolio acquired in the Humboldt Bancorp transaction. Effective January 1, 2007, the members of the Committee were directors Chambers (Chair), Davis, Frohnmayer, Goldschmidt (Vice Chair) and Mason. This Committee must meet at least quarterly and in 2006, the Committee met five times, including one special meeting.

Loan and Investment Committee

The Loan and Investment Committee approves certain loans, approves charge-offs to the loan loss reserve, sets investment and liquidity policies and monitors compliance with those policies and reviews Umpqua s loan and investment portfolios. Effective January 1, 2007, members of the Committee were directors Angell (Chair), Davis, Gambee, Goldschmidt, Herbert (Vice Chair), Mason and Weborg. The Loan and Investment Committee meets at least quarterly and in 2006 it met five times.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes nominees for appointment or election to the board of directors and conducts searches to fill the positions of President and CEO. The Committee is comprised of the chairman of the board and the chair of each board committee. All of the directors serving on the Nominating Committee are independent, as defined in the NASD listing standards. Effective January 1, 2007, the members of the Committee were directors Ford (Chair), Angell, Chambers, Giustina and Lansing. The Nominating Committee meets as often as it deems appropriate and in 2006, the Committee met three times.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Based solely upon our review of (i) Forms 3, 4 and 5 that we filed on behalf of directors and executive officers, or received from them with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, and (ii) their written representations that no Form 5 is required, we believe that all reporting persons made all required Section 16 filings with respect to the 2006 fiscal year on a timely basis.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

If any shareholder intends to present a proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Company s proxy material in connection with the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders, the proposal must be in proper form under SEC Regulation 14A, Rule 14a-8-Proposals of Security Holders, and received by the Secretary of the Company on or before December 19, 2007. Shareholder proposals to be presented at the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders, which are not to be included in the Company s proxy materials must be received by the Company no later than January 18, 2008, in accordance with the Company s Bylaws.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with Related Persons/Approval Process

Umpqua has arrangements under which Umpqua Bank leases certain facilities from entities in which certain directors have indirect material interests. These leases are not required to be disclosed under Item 404 of Regulation S-K.

Umpqua has a formal process with respect to the review and approval of loans extended by Umpqua Bank to related persons, as described below. Umpqua has no formal process to approve other transactions with related persons. Under Nasdaq Rule 4350(h), all transactions with related persons must be approved by Umpqua s audit committee or another independent body of the board of directors. In each instance where Umpqua Bank has a facility lease with a director, the lease was (i) entered into before the director became a related person with respect to Umpqua and/or (ii) Umpqua Bank assumed the lease in connection with an acquisition, so no prior approval by Umpqua was required or obtained. Nonetheless, the leases are believed to be on terms fair to the Bank and consistent with terms available from unrelated third parties. On an ongoing basis, any transactions with related persons are reviewed and approved in accordance with Nasdaq Rule 4350(h).

Loans to Directors and Officers

Umpqua Holdings Corporation does not extend loans or credit to any officers or directors. However, many of our directors and officers, their immediate family members and businesses with which they are associated, borrow from and have deposits with Umpqua Bank. All such loans are made in the ordinary course of Umpqua Bank s business, and on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to Umpqua Bank. These loans did not and do not involve more than the normal risk of collection or present other unfavorable features to Umpqua Bank.

Loans by the bank to directors and designated executive officers are governed by Regulation O, 12 CFR Part 215. Under the bank s procedures, the Chief Credit Officer can approve individual credits subject to Regulation O up to a total credit exposure of \$100,000 and report those loans to our Loan and Investment Committee. All Regulation O credits with a total credit exposure in excess of \$100,000 must be approved by that Committee. Regulation O limits loans to executive officers to \$100,000 unless the loan is secured by a first lien on the officer s primary or secondary

residence or unless the loan is made to finance the education of the officer s children. All of our named executive officers are designated as executive officers under Regulation O.

As of December 31, 2006, the aggregate outstanding balance of all loans to Regulation O executive officers, directors, principal shareholders and their businesses was approximately \$12.6 million, which represented approximately 1.81% of the consolidated shareholders equity at that date. All such loans are currently in good standing and are being paid in accordance with their terms.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

In January 2007, our Compensation Committee adopted the following statement of philosophy with regard to director compensation:

Umpqua s director compensation is designed to align the board of directors with its shareholders, and to attract, motivate, and retain high performing members critical to our company s success. Our director compensation philosophy is simple: we pay our directors a competitive rate when compared to similar size and performing financial services organizations.

Objectives Umpqua Bank is committed to providing competitive compensation to our directors. Within that context, our prime objectives are to:

Attract and retain highly qualified people that portray our company culture and values

Link the interests of our directors to the values derived by our shareholders

Align the interests of our directors, executives, and employees

Conform to the highest levels of fairness, ethics, transparency, and sound governance practice

Director Compensation On a regular basis the board will engage a third party professional to perform an evaluation to ensure director compensation is fair and competitive. Any change to director compensation is first reviewed by the Compensation Committee of the board prior to full board approval. Currently, it is the company s policy for director compensation to be paid 100% in company stock, which may be taken as deferred compensation.

Director Training We are committed to the continuing education of our directors. Umpqua provides an annual allowance for our directors to obtain director-specific education. Directors receiving such education shall provide an educational synopsis to the board or appropriate board committee.

The Compensation Committee is charged with reviewing director compensation and recommending changes to the full board. The board of directors has adopted a Director Compensation Plan that sets forth the terms and manner in which non-employee directors will be compensated for their service on the board of directors and committees of Umpqua and its subsidiaries.

All director fees are payable in shares of Umpqua Holdings Corporation common stock, purchased periodically on the open market by a brokerage firm for the account of each director with funds provided by the Company. Directors may choose to receive compensation on a deferred basis.

Under the plan, director fees are paid quarterly, in arrears, after review of attendance records. Directors may attend committee meetings by teleconference, but they are allowed to attend only one regular board meeting per year by teleconference and they must be personally present at all other regular board meetings. The plan also reiterates the directors obligations under applicable securities laws, Umpqua s Insider Trading Policy, and obligates the directors, if requested to do so, to execute a lockup agreement in the event of a firmly underwritten public offering of our securities.

Umpqua also provides a nonqualified deferred compensation plan to its non-employee directors. Under this plan, each director may annually elect to place all or part of his or her director compensation for the coming year into the deferred plan. Under the plan, a director may choose to have distributions from the plan in a lump sum or in annual installments over three, five or ten year periods following the date that the director leaves the board. Umpqua pays director compensation in shares of its common stock and the shares are held by a trustee. The dividends paid on those shares are credited to the director s account, but no interest or other compensation is paid by the Company with respect to the deferred account.

The Compensation Committee s practice is to engage an outside consultant at least once every three years to review director compensation paid by a peer group of companies to ensure that the compensation we pay to our directors is competitive given Company performance, board performance and our community bank philosophy. A peer group analysis was performed in 2006 and the Compensation Committee recommended increasing director compensation and the board approved an increase to the board meeting participation fee by \$1,000 per meeting. The

Committee looked at director compensation paid by the same peer group of companies that it used for review of the CEO s compensation. At that time, the Committee reported to the board that with this increase in the board meeting participation fee, total compensation paid to each director is below the median paid by the peer group of companies.

In December 2006, the board of directors, acting upon a recommendation from the Compensation Committee, decided to maintain 2007 board compensation at the levels set in 2006. The schedule of fees in effect since April 2006 is set forth in the table, below. The board Chair receives a higher retainer and participation fee. Committee chairs receive a slightly higher participation fee for chairing their committee meetings.

Schedule of Directors Fees

The Quarterly Retainer amount is:

For the Chair of the Board of Directors	\$ 3,500
For every other Participating Director	\$ 3,000

All directors serve on the board of Umpqua Holdings Corporation and Umpqua Bank and each receives only one Quarterly Retainer.

The Participation Fee for Board Meetings is:

For the Chair of the Board of Directors	\$ 4,500
For every other Participating Director	\$ 4,000

All directors serve on the board of both Umpqua Holdings Corporation and Umpqua Bank and each receives only one Participation Fee for board meetings actually attended, if both board meetings are scheduled to be held on the same day, either jointly or one following another.

The Participation Fee for committee meetings is \$500 for each meeting attended by a committee member. The Audit and Compliance Committee Chair receives \$700 for each meeting chaired and all other committee chairs receive \$600 for each meeting chaired.

The following table shows the compensation earned in 2006 by each director with respect to each category of compensation. Although each director is paid in Umpqua stock, this table shows the cash contributed by the Company to the Director Compensation Plan to purchase that stock.

Name	Retainer	Board Participation	Committee Participation	Total
Ronald F. Angell	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 44,000
Mathew A. Bruno	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 21,000
Scott D. Chambers	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 45,500
Allyn C. Ford	\$ 13,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 39,000
David B. Frohnmayer	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 40,500
Stephen M. Gambee	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 43,000
Dan Giustina	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 7,400	\$ 42,900

Diana E. Goldschmidt	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 44,000
Lynn K. Herbert	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 40,500
William A. Lansing	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 44,000
Theodore S. Mason	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 41,000
Diane D. Miller	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 44,000
Bryan L. Timm	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 43,000
Thomas W. Weborg	\$ 11,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 37,000
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Director Compensation

The following table summarizes the compensation paid by the Company to non-employee directors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

	Fees Earned	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified ed Non-Equity Deferred Incentive					
Nama	or Paid in	Stock	Option	Plan	-		Total
Name (a) (1)	Cash (\$) (b) (2)	Awards (a	mywarusym (d)	npensauo (e)	on (B arningSom (f)	(g)	b) (\$) (h)
						(8)	
Angell, Ronald F.	\$ 44,000						\$ 44,000
Bruno, Mathew A.	\$ 21,000						\$ 21,000
Chambers, Scott D.	\$ 45,500						\$ 45,500
Ford, Allyn C.	\$ 39,000						\$ 39,000
Frohnmayer, David B.	\$ 40,500						\$ 40,500
Gambee, Stephen M.	\$ 43,000						\$ 43,000
Giustina, Dan	\$ 42,900						\$ 42,900
Goldschmidt, Diana E.	\$ 44,000						\$ 44,000
Herbert, Lynn K.	\$ 40,500						\$ 40,500
Lansing, William A.	\$ 44,000						\$ 44,000
Mason, Theodore S.	\$ 41,000						\$ 41,000
Miller, Diane D.	\$ 44,000						\$ 44,000
Timm, Bryan L.	\$ 43,000						\$ 43,000
Weborg, Thomas W.	\$ 37,000						\$ 37,000

- Director Davis is omitted from this table because he is a named executive officer, he receives no separate compensation for service as a director and his compensation is fully reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) Amounts in column (b) are earned in cash and paid in Umpqua stock.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

The Compensation Committee carries out the board s overall responsibilities with respect to executive compensation, director compensation and review of the Company CEO s performance. The Committee also oversees administration of the Company s employee benefit plans, including the Company s 401(k) and profit sharing plan. All Committee members are required to meet the NASD and SEC independence and experience requirements. Effective January 1,

2007, the members of the Committee were directors Lansing (Chair), Chambers, Gambee, Miller (Vice Chair), Timm and Weborg. The Compensation Committee must meet at least quarterly. In 2006, the Committee met ten times, including four special meetings.

The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter which is posted on our website at <u>www.umpquaholdingscorp.com</u>. The Committee s charter is reviewed annually. The Compensation Committee Chair sets the agenda and calendar for the Committee. The Committee has the authority to, and routinely does, hire independent consultants to advise the Committee on compensation matters.

In 2006 and 2007, in addition to its annual review and approval of compensation for the CEO and the other named executive officers, the Compensation Committee negotiated an amendment to the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan that was entered into with Mr. Davis in 2003. See the section entitled *Retirement Plan for Mr. Davis* for more information.

The Chief Executive Officer reviews the performance of the other named executive officers and recommends to the Compensation Committee compensation packages for each of them.

Identification of Named Executive Officers

We disclose the compensation paid to each of our named executive officers as required by Item 402 of Regulation S-K. Those individuals are:

Designation	Name	Title
Principal Executive Officer	Raymond P. Davis	President and CEO
Principal Financial Officer	Daniel A. Sullivan	Executive Vice President/Chief Financial
		Officer
	Brad F. Copeland	Senior Executive Vice President/Operations
		and Chief Credit Officer
	David M. Edson	Executive Vice President and President
		Umpqua Bank Northwest Region
	William T. Fike	Executive Vice President and President
		Umpqua Bank California Region

Philosophy

The Company has adopted a written statement of its executive compensation philosophy. That statement is reviewed annually by the Compensation Committee. In December 2006, the Committee approved the following statement:

Decisions regarding executives total compensation program design, as well as individual pay decisions, will be made in the context of this *Executive Compensation Philosophy* and our ability to pay, as defined by our financial success. Umpqua s executive compensation is designed to recognize superior operating performance thereby maximizing shareholder value, and to attract, motivate and retain the high performing executive team critical to our Company s success. Our executive compensation philosophy is simple: we pay competitive base salaries and we strongly reward performance.

Objectives Umpqua Bank is committed to providing competitive, performance-based total compensation opportunities to our executives who collectively have the responsibility for making our Company successful. Within that context, our prime objectives are to:

Attract and retain highly qualified executives that portray our Company culture and values

Motivate executives to provide excellent leadership and achieve Company goals

Provide substantial performance-related incentive compensation that is aligned to our business strategy and directly tied to meeting specific business objectives

Strongly link the interests of executives to the value derived by our shareholders from owning Company stock

Connect the interests of our executives and our employees

Be fair, ethical, transparent and accountable in setting and disclosing executive compensation.

Base Salary Base pay opportunities should be fully competitive with other relevant organizations within the markets in which we compete. Individual salary determinations involve consideration of incumbent qualifications, behaviors, cultural adherence, and performance.

Short-Term Incentives Consistent with competitive practices, executives should have a significant portion of their targeted annual total cash compensation at risk, contingent upon meeting company profitability goals and personal objectives.

Long-Term Incentives Executives who are critical to our long-term success should participate in long-term incentive opportunities that link a significant portion of their total compensation to increasing shareholder value.

Executive Benefits We offer executives competitive benefit programs, such as health insurance, 401(k) plan, vacation, and life insurance, of which similar programs are offered to our employees.

Communications & Training We are committed to sharing information with executives to enable them to fully understand our objectives for executive pay and each element of their total compensation package.

Executive Compensation Plan Design and Objectives

Base Salary

The purpose of base salary is to create a secure base of cash compensation for executives that is competitive with the market. Executive salary increases do not necessarily follow a preset schedule or formula; however, the following are considered when determining appropriate salary levels and increases:

The individual s current and sustained performance results and the methods utilized to achieve those results; and

Non-financial performance indicators to include strategic developments for which an executive has responsibility (such as product development, expansion of markets, increase in same-store loan or deposit growth and acquisitions) and managerial performance (such as service quality, sales objectives and regulatory compliance).

Individual and Company Performance

A significant component of compensation should be related to performance. We believe that an employee s compensation should be tied to how well the employee s team and the Company perform against both financial and non-financial goals and objectives. The board annually establishes the financial goals for the incentive compensation program. Non-financial goals include satisfactory performance on all internal and external regulatory exams and audits and achievement of the business and personal goals assigned to each executive.

Short-Term and Long-Term Incentives

Incentive compensation should balance short and long term performance. We look to balance the focus of all employees on achieving strong short-term or annual results in a manner that will ensure the Company s long-term viability and success. Therefore, to reinforce the importance of balancing these perspectives, senior management is regularly provided with both annual and long-term incentives. Participation in long-term incentive programs increases with higher levels of responsibility, as employees in these leadership roles have the greatest influence on the Company s strategic direction and results over time.

Annual Incentives

The purpose of annual incentive plans is to provide cash compensation on an annual basis that is at risk and contingent on the achievement of annual business and operating objectives, as well as personal goals and objectives.

At the beginning of each year we adopt an Incentive Plan that provides for incentive compensation to be awarded to the Chief Executive Officer and our other named executive officers upon achievement of individual performance

objectives established by the board of directors or the Compensation Committee for Mr. Davis and individual performance objectives established by Mr. Davis for the other named executive officers.

Each executive is assigned a target bonus, which is a percentage of base salary. The overall target bonus is discretionary and subject to adjustment. Achievement of the target bonus is based on the success of the Company and the individual executive in certain performance areas, as more particularly discussed in the section entitled *Executive Compensation Decisions*.

Since 2004, the financial component of the incentive has been based on earnings per share (EPS) targets. These targets are set by the board upon the Budget Committee s recommendation. The Company does not give earnings

guidance and regards internal earnings targets as confidential. Typically, the earnings per share target for 100% payout of the financial component is achievable, but requires better than expected performance. The maximum percentage payout is 150% of base salary.

The following table compares actual results against EPS targets and shows the percentage payment of the target incentive for the years 2004-2006:

Year	EPS Target was:	Percentage Payout of Target Incentive
2004	Exceeded	110%
2005	Met	100%
2006	Not Met	75%

In 2006, the Committee adopted language to be included in the annual Incentive Plans of all named executive officers, beginning in 2007, which requires the executive to repay to the Company (claw back) any incentives awarded based on earnings per share for a particular period if it is later determined that the earnings per share target was not achieved due to fraud or mistake, but only if the error causes a restatement of earnings.

Other Annual Compensation Benefits and Perquisites

We provide benefit programs to executive officers and to other employees. The following table identifies the benefit plans and identifies those employees who may be eligible to participate:

Benefit Plan	Named Executive Officers	Certain Managers	Full Time Employees
401(k) Plan	1	1	1
Group Medical/Dental/Vision	1	1	1
Group Life and Disability	1	1	1
Annual Manager Incentive Plan	1	1	
Severance	1	1	1
Change in Control	1	1	
Supplemental Retirement (Top Hat)	1		
Supplemental Executive Retirement(1)	1		
Deferred Compensation Plan(2)	1		

- (1) Mr. Davis is the only employee with a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
- (2) Mr. Fike is the only named executive officer with a Deferred Compensation Plan. In connection with the acquisition of other financial institutions, the Company has assumed deferred compensation plans that benefit other past and present employees.

The company provides modest perquisites to the named executive officers. The perquisites we offer are common in the financial services industry and help the company attract and retain superior employees for key positions. Some

perquisites are intended to serve an Umpqua business purpose, but it is understood that some may be used for personal reasons, as well. Our payment of perquisites is disclosed in the *Summary Compensation Table*, below, and they primarily consist of paid club memberships and personal use of bank-owned automobiles.

Umpqua has adopted a policy that governs personal use of the aircraft leased by the Company. That policy generally provides that the CEO or CFO must approve any personal use of this aircraft. If the flight is for purely personal reasons, the officer must reimburse the Company in accordance with the Standard Industry Fare Level formula. If the officer is accompanied by a spouse or other guest, the officer must reimburse the Company for the spouse or guest s use. If the officer s spouse accompanies the officer for the purpose of participating in business functions, that use is not deemed to be personal use.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

There are two forms of long-term incentives normally granted to our executives: stock options and the award of restricted shares.

Stock Options. The purpose of stock options is to provide equity compensation with value directly related to the creation of shareholder value and the increase in Company stock price. Stock options provide executives a vehicle (subject to vesting requirements) to increase equity ownership and share in the appreciation of the value of Company stock.

Restricted Stock Grants. Restricted stock grants are awarded subject to vesting requirements and, in some cases, subject to the Company achieving predetermined financial goals. Restricted shares serve to help retain key executive talent, as well as attract and retain non-executive employees who make a significant contribution to the Company.

With respect to both stock option and restricted share grants, the deferred vesting schedules are designed to provide significant retention incentives to help ensure the recipients continue with the Company. We believe that key executives should have significant stake in the performance of the company s stock, to align their decisions with creating shareholder value. We encourage our named executive officers to retain the equity awards that they receive and we have minimum stock ownership requirements for executive officers. As stated in our Statement of Governance Principles, the company expects its executive officers to accumulate a meaningful position in Umpqua shares over a three-year period after joining the Company. At minimum, an executive officer must own 2,500 shares of Umpqua stock within one year after he or she attains that status. In 2006, the named executive officers acquired 110,789 shares of company stock through vesting of restricted share grants and stock option exercises and sold or disposed of 14,277 shares.

Our share ownership guidelines are posted on our website in the Statement of Governance Principles. Directors and executive officers are authorized to sell no more than 15,000 shares per calendar year, unless he or she obtains authorization in a hardship situation from the Audit and Compliance Committee. In addition to this cap, a director or officer may sell shares to cover the exercise price and estimated taxes associated with an option exercise. Our policy also prohibits directors and executives from engaging in transactions in which they may profit from short term speculative swings in the market value of Umpqua stock. These prohibited transactions include short sales (selling borrowed securities which the seller hopes can be purchased at a lower price in the future); short sales against the box (selling owned, but not delivered securities); put and call options (publicly available rights to sell or buy Umpqua shares at a specific price within a specified period of time) and derivative transactions, such as non-recourse loans secured by Company stock.

Equity Compensation Plan Practices

In general, we issue stock options and/or restricted stock awards to our named executive officers at the following times: (i) upon initial employment with the Company; (ii) in January or February of each year, in connection with establishing their long-term compensation package for that year; and (iii) in connection with a significant advancement or promotion or a significant change in compensation arrangements. In January 2007, the Compensation Committee adopted a practice of issuing equity grants associated with setting annual long term incentive packages with an effective date when the trading window is open for section 16 reporters. This way, the stock price at the time of the grant can reasonably be expected to fairly represent the market s view of our results and prospects.

Role of Tax and Regulatory Requirements

Under section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Company is generally prohibited from deducting for federal income tax purposes employee compensation that would otherwise be deductible to the extent that the compensation exceeds \$1,000,000 for any covered employee in any fiscal year. However, compensation that is performance-based as defined in the Code is not subject to the deductibility limits. The board s current policy is to ensure that all compensation paid by the Company is fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. See the section titled *2005 Performance-Based Incentive Plan*.

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123R, *Share Based Payments*, a revision to the previously issued guidance on accounting for stock options and other forms of equity-based compensation. SFAS No. 123R requires companies to recognize in the income statement the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based forms of compensation issued to employees over the employees requisite service period (generally the vesting period). We adopted SFAS No. 123R under the *modified prospective* method which means that the unvested portion of previously granted awards and any awards that are granted or modified after the date of adoption will be measured and accounted for under the provisions of SFAS No. 123R. The Company will continue to use straight-line recognition of expenses for awards with graded vesting. Since January 2005, the Company has, in general, granted restricted stock awards in lieu of stock options to its executive officers as part of its long term incentive program. Mr. Davis has continued to receive stock option grants, but not restricted stock grants in 2005 and 2006. See tables titled *Grants of Plan Based Award* and *Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End*.

The employment agreements with our named executive officers provide that the if the severance and change in control benefits payable to the executive would constitute an excess parachute payment as defined in Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), such benefit payments shall be reduced to the largest amount that will result in no portion of benefit payments being subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code.

Those agreements also provide that if the benefits are subject to Section 409A of the Code and the executive is deemed to be a specified employee within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, commencement of payment of the benefit shall be delayed for six months following the executive s termination of employment.

The agreements with our named executive officers also provide that Umpqua shall make no payment of any benefit to the extent that such payment would be prohibited by the provisions of Part 359 of the regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC), as the same may be amended from time to time.

Compensation Plans and Agreements

Employment Agreement with Raymond P. Davis

Our agreement with Mr. Davis, effective July 1, 2003, provides for his employment as President and Chief Executive Officer. It has no specific term and we may terminate his employment at any time for any reason or for no reason at all. However, if we terminate his employment without cause or if he leaves our employ for good reason, as defined in that agreement, he is entitled to a severance benefit equal to twice his base salary just prior to termination and twice his bonus received the prior year. Should Mr. Davis employment terminate as a result of a change in control, his employment agreement provides for payment of a severance benefit equal to three years base salary and three times the bonus that he was targeted to receive that year, payable over 36 months. In addition, the Company, or its successor, would be obligated to pay health and welfare benefits for three years following termination, immediately vest all unvested stock options and provide an additional credit to his supplemental executive retirement plan.

Retirement Plan for Mr. Davis

Several years ago, the Compensation Committee reviewed the total compensation package for Mr. Davis and determined that it was appropriate that the Company provide a retirement benefit that would supplement his participation in the Company s 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan, since that qualified plan limits annual contributions to a participant s account. The evaluation and negotiation of a retirement plan for Mr. Davis was part of an overall revision of his compensation package that went into effect in 2003. At that time, Mr. Davis had been serving as President and CEO of Umpqua for approximately nine years and his compensation was regarded as too low by the Compensation

Committee in comparison with the compensation paid to chief executives at peer companies and in consideration of the excellent results Mr. Davis had produced for Umpqua s shareholders.

The company entered into a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan with Mr. Davis on July 1, 2003, as amended and restated January 1, 2006 (the Davis SERP) that provides for retirement benefits to be paid to him if he

retires on or after June 3, 2011. The Davis SERP also provides for adjusted payments if Mr. Davis is terminated or leaves Umpqua prior to June 3, 2011.

The annual retirement benefit payable under the Davis SERP, prior to the recently negotiated restructuring of the plan, was equal to Mr. Davis Final Average Compensation multiplied by the product (not to exceed 60%) of three percent and the number of years of service with Umpqua. Final Average Compensation means the highest three-year average annual total Compensation out of the final five years of employment. Compensation means base salary and cash bonus paid under Mr. Davis Employment Agreement and is the same as the salary and bonus reported on the *Summary Compensation Table*.

In 2005 and 2006, the Compensation Committee undertook a comprehensive review of the Davis SERP in order to determine (i) how it fits within the overall compensation package for Mr. Davis, (ii) how it compares with the overall compensation packages of CEOs in the identified peer group of companies and (iii) what benefits would be payable to him and what cost the Company would incur under that plan if the Company continues to grow at rates experienced over the past few years. The Committee observed that under the SERP plan, there was no upper limit on the benefits payable to Mr. Davis. In addition, since it is a retirement plan, the benefits are payable to him as they are vested, without regard to the performance of the company or the returns enjoyed by shareholders. The Committee felt that under the SERP as it was then structured, too much of the CEO s long term incentive compensation was tied to this retirement plan. The Committee determined that it was appropriate to seek to negotiate a fixed cash retirement benefit in exchange for restricted shares that vest on Mr. Davis s retirement. The Compensation Committee and Mr. Davis have agreed to restate his SERP to provide for a fixed schedule of annual retirement benefits, the amount of which depends on the timing and circumstances of termination of his employment. If Mr. Davis retires at age 62, his maximum annual benefit is \$600,000 and at age 65, his maximum annual benefit is \$850,000, paid until the later of his or his spouse s death, with such payment period not to exceed 36 months after and to be less than 36 months prior to his predicted life expectancy at retirement. The annual benefits stated include the amounts available to Mr. Davis under Social Security retirement payments and other retirement or pension benefits funded by the Company. In consideration for fixing the benefit amount, the Compensation Committee agreed to approve a deferred stock grant to Mr. Davis covering 38,284 shares, to be issued following termination of his employment, subject to vesting based on the timing and circumstances of any termination of his employment prior to age 62.

As a result of the negotiations, Mr. Davis and the Company have agreed to the following, subject to shareholder approval of the proposed amendments to the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, as discussed in the section titled *Item 3*. *Amendments to 2003 Stock Incentive Plan*:

to amend the Davis SERP so that the annual retirement benefit under the Davis SERP will be fixed and will, in no event, exceed \$850,000 per year; and

the Company will grant to Mr. Davis a 38,284 share deferred stock award.

In addition, the Company will grant to Mr. Davis a 50,000 share stock option award, vesting over a three-year period as follows: 60% on December 31, 2008; 20% on December 31, 2009 and 20% on December 31, 2010; and entered into a Long Term Incentive Restricted Stock Unit Agreement discussed in the section entitled *Item 4. Adoption of the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan.*

Employment Agreements with Other Named Executive Officers

Mr. Copeland and Mr. Edson

We have entered into Employment Agreements with David M. Edson and Brad F. Copeland. These Agreements were amended and restated in March 2006 and they expire in 2008, but they have no specific term of employment. However, if we terminate the executive s employment without cause or the executive leaves our employ for good reason, as defined in that Agreement, the executive is entitled to a severance benefit. The Agreements with Mr. Edson and Mr. Copeland entitle these executives to a severance benefit equal to the greater of nine months of the executive s then current base salary or two weeks for every year of employment, paid over nine months.

Should employment terminate within one year following a change in control, as defined in the Agreements, the executive will receive a change in control benefit equal to 36 months current base salary and three times the incentive bonus he received the prior year, payable over 36 months. This change in control benefit is in lieu of a severance benefit. Alternatively, if the executive remains employed for 12 months following a change in control, he will receive a retention benefit equal to 12 months current base salary and 100% of the incentive paid the prior year payable over 12 months, beginning one year after the change in control. The executive may not receive a retention benefit if he is receiving a change in control benefit.

<u>Mr. Fike</u>

In March 2006, Mr. Fike s Employment Agreement was amended to provide a change in control benefit equivalent to the benefit provided to Mr. Copeland and Mr. Edson, as described above. In addition, Mr. Fike is eligible to receive his change in control benefit if he is terminated in the six-month period prior to announcement of a change in control. His Agreement also provides for a severance benefit equivalent to that of Mr. Copeland and Mr. Edson, and all other material terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement are the same.

<u>Mr. Sullivan</u>

We have a Terms of Employment and Severance Agreement with Mr. Sullivan effective September 15, 2003, as amended January 5, 2005. His severance benefit is the same as that described above for Mr. Edson and Mr. Copeland if he is terminated without cause or he leaves for good reason. If Mr. Sullivan s employment terminates within one year following a change in control, as defined in his Agreement, he will be entitled to payment of a severance benefit equal to two years current base salary and two times the incentive he received in the previous year, payable over 24 months. This change in control payment is in lieu of a severance benefit. If Mr. Sullivan remains employed for 12 months following a change in control, he will receive a retention benefit equal to 12 months base salary and 100% of the incentive paid the prior year, payable over 12 months, beginning one year after the change in control. He will not receive a retention benefit.

2003 Stock Incentive Plan

We have a stock incentive plan that was approved by shareholders in 2003. Two million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2003 plan. The plan is administered by the Compensation Committee. Under the 2003 plan, non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options and restricted stock grants may be issued to employees and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries as recommended by the Committee and approved by the board.

Under the terms of the 2003 plan, awards of stock options and restricted stock grants, when added to options under all other plans, are limited to a maximum of ten percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis. During 2006, we granted 92,850 restricted shares to 61 employees under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. Each of these grants vests 20% per year over five years following the date of the grant. In addition, in 2006, we granted options to purchase 25,000 shares to one employee (Mr. Davis) under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. All grants and awards were recommended by the Compensation Committee and approved by the full board of directors. As of February 9, 2007, there were a total of 1,187,450 shares in the 2003 plan available for future grants, of which all are immediately available for issuance under the ten percent limitation. Shareholders are being asked to approve amendments to this plan as set forth in the section entitled *Item 3. Amendments to 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.*

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

Umpqua sponsors and administers a 401(k) salary deferral and profit sharing plan covering substantially all employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. Participants may elect to contribute 100% of eligible compensation to the plan each year, subject to applicable IRC limits on annual employee deferrals. In 2006, the Company contributed a matching contribution of up to 50% of each participant s salary deferral, up to 6% of eligible compensation. In addition, the Company made a profit sharing contribution equal to 2% of each participant s eligible compensation. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in the plan under the same terms and conditions as other employees.

Supplemental Retirement (Top Hat) Plan

We maintain a non-qualified deferred compensation plan for executive officers selected by the board. Under the plan eligible executives may defer a portion of their compensation into the plan. The Company may make discretionary profit sharing or other discretionary contributions to the plan. The plan is designed to be administered under Sections 201(2) and 301(a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In 2006, only the named executive officers (except Mr. Fike) were eligible to participate in this plan.

Deferred Compensation Agreement with Mr. Fike

On June 13, 2005, the Company entered into a 2005 Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement with William Fike, pursuant to which Mr. Fike is permitted to defer a portion of his annual compensation. The Company has established an account of the deferrals, which will be credited with interest at the end of each year. The interest credited is equal to the 5-year Treasury Constant Maturity as of the last business day of the preceding year. This deferred compensation arrangement was established at the time of Mr. Fike s initial employment, to mitigate the effects of a deferred compensation plan with his previous employer, which required him to begin taking distributions from that plan when he separated from that company.

2005 Performance-Based Incentive Plan

The Company s 2005 Performance-Based Incentive Plan is designed to tie a significant portion of annual compensation to Company performance and to provide incentives to executive officers to achieve results tied to important objective business criteria. The Plan was approved by shareholders in 2005 and is intended to ensure that performance-based compensation awarded to the Company s executives is deductible. The Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee and it continues in effect until December 31, 2008. The Plan authorizes the payment of an annual incentive tied to a percentage of the executive s base salary and that incentive compensation is awarded upon achieving performance targets related to the corporate objectives established by the Compensation Committee. For 2006, the performance-based targets were:

the Company s diluted operating earnings per share; and

supervisory ratings issued by regulatory agencies for the Company and its subsidiaries.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DECISIONS

Introduction

Mr. Davis and the executive team led the company in the successful acquisition and integration of Western Sierra Bancorp and to solid financial performance in 2006. At the same time, they continued to emphasize the Company s vision and mission, which is to create a unique and memorable banking environment in which our customers perceive the bank as an indispensable partner in achieving their financial goals; our people achieve unparalleled personal and professional success; our shareholders achieve the exceptional rewards of ownership; and our communities benefit from our involvement and investment in their future.

2006 Base Salary for Named Executive Officers

In 2005, the Compensation Committee hired Mercer Human Resource Consulting (Mercer) as an independent compensation consultant reporting only to the Committee with respect to benchmarking the CEO s compensation for 2006. Mercer was also engaged by management to provide benchmarking analysis for the other named executive officers in connection with setting 2006 compensation.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Company s CEO recommends the level of base and incentive compensation as well as equity grants for the ensuing year of individual executive officers reporting to him, as well as the compensation of executive officers covered by NASD Rule 4350, and the Committee reviews those recommendations and compares it with market information to ensure that executive compensation is competitive and that the

CEO is exercising his discretion appropriately. The Committee reviews, and ratifies or approves, all components of the compensation for executive officers covered by NASD Rule 4350, including salary, annual incentives, long-term incentive compensation and internal pay equity.

In December 2005, Mr. Davis met with the Committee to review his recommendations for the named executive officers, based on his own evaluation of their performance and his review of the Mercer compensation report.

Mercer initially proposed and analyzed a peer group of 15 publicly traded companies in the regional bank category, emphasizing those located in the western United States, whose total assets were approximately between \$2.5 and \$10 billion, at September, 2005. At meetings in December 2005, the Committee reviewed the peer group, determined that some of the institutions selected by Mercer were not deemed comparable with respect to the CEO s compensation, because of size or tenure of the CEO with that institution, and asked Mercer to delete three institutions from the peer group with respect to the CEO analysis. At the Committee s request, Mercer presented a revised analysis to the Committee in early January 2006. The peer group selected by the Committee was comprised of the following institutions:

rst Republic Bank	Sterling Financial Corp.	Greater Bay Bancorp
epublic Bancorp	SVB Financial Group	Westamerica Bancorporation
rst Community	Banner Corp	UCBH Holdings, Inc.*
ancorp		
astWest Bancorp,		
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* These companies were not included in the peer group for CEO benchmarking, but they were included with respect to benchmarking the other named executive officers.

Mercer reported the following data for the peer group: base salary and annual incentives with 25th, 50th and 75th percentile data cuts. They reported long term incentive (LTI) grant values over a three year period, valued at the grant date. Mercer s report used data from published compensation surveys and peer group proxy data. At meetings in December 2005 and January 2006, the Committee reviewed all components of the named executive officer s compensation including salary, bonus, equity and long-term incentive compensation, accumulated realized and unrealized stock option, restricted stock gains, SERP plan benefits and various perquisites and other personal benefits. The Committee reviewed the Mercer reports and tally sheets setting forth the components of Mr. Davis s compensation prepared by Foster Pepper, LLP (FP).

The Committee determined that, in general, it targeted the 75th percentile of peer group data as the appropriate level of overall compensation for the named executive officers. The Committee believes that above average performance by these executives is expected and is being achieved. Mercer s report stated that total cash compensation (base salary plus annual incentives) of the named executive officers were all at the median or between the median and the 75th percentile, except that Mr. Sullivan s was below the median. Looking at total direct compensation (base salary plus annual incentives plus LTI), Mercer s report stated that all named executive officers were between the median and 75th percentile, except Mr. Davis was slightly below the median and Mr. Copeland was slightly above the 75th percentile. However, the Committee felt that there was insufficient public data available about peer group SERP plans to adequately compare total compensation packages of the peer group CEOs with the overall compensation package for Mr. Davis, including the value of the supplemental retirement plans. As noted above, in the section titled *Retirement Plan for Mr. Davis*, the Committee determined that during 2006, it would evaluate the impact of the Davis

SERP on his total compensation.

In January 2006, based on the information received and reviewed and their deliberations, the Compensation Committee approved the following base salary increases and incentive targets for the named executive officers in 2006. The full board approved the compensation package for Mr. Davis:

		Percentage		Targeted Incentive
Name	2006 Base Salary	Increase over 2005	Targeted Incentive	as a Percentage of Base Salary
Raymond P. Davis	\$ 658,000	8.2%	\$ 493,500	75%
Daniel A. Sullivan	\$ 278,250	5.0%	\$ 139,125	50%
Brad F. Copeland	\$ 311,200	17.4%	\$ 186,720	60%
David M. Edson	\$ 321,450	16.9%	\$ 192,870	60%
William T. Fike	\$ 322,200	7.4%	\$ 193,320	60%

2006 Incentive Compensation Earned by the Named Executive Officers

Each of the named executive officers was eligible for incentive compensation earned in 2006. For Mr. Davis, the target incentive was 75% of his base salary. Achievement of the target incentive for 2006 was based on success in three performance areas:

corporate financial targets-measured by fully diluted operating earnings per share (65%);

leadership goals (20%); and

regulatory goals (15%).

Mr. Davis could have earned from 0% to 150% of each of his targeted percentages in the three performances areas. The Compensation Committee considered a variety of possible performance areas but determined that the three areas focused Mr. Davis and provided an incentive for him to perform in a manner that would benefit shareholders.

For Mr. Sullivan, the target incentive was 50% of his base salary. For Mssrs. Copeland, Edson and Fike, the target incentive was 60% of base salary. Achievement of the target incentive for all other named executive officers in 2006 (except Mr. Davis) was based on success in four performance areas:

corporate financial targets-measured by operating earnings per share-fully diluted (40%);

personal and business goals (30%);

leadership and cultural competencies (20%); and

regulatory and compliance goals (10%).

The Company emphasizes objective performance benchmarks for annual incentive compensation, as measured by fully diluted operating earnings per share and achievement of compliance and regulatory goals, as measured by ratings achieved in regulatory examinations and internal audit and compliance reviews. These objective standards are consistent with the 2005 Performance Based Incentive Plan and comprise 80% of Mr. Davis starget incentive and 50%

of the target incentive of the other named executive officers. The other performance targets include subjective standards are awarded outside the 2005 Performance Based Incentive Plan.

In January 2007, the Compensation Committee reviewed 2006 operating results against the incentive plans for each of the named executive officers. The earnings per share target was the same for all named executive officers. It determined that the Company s actual earnings per share were below the targeted incentive and, in accordance with the 2006 plan, each named executive officer received 75% of the targeted incentive for that component. Achievement of performance targets in each of the other areas varied with each officer and incentive payouts for each of the named executive officers (excluding the CEO) ranged from 91% to 111% of the targeted incentive.

The 2006 incentive compensation awarded to each named executive officer, itemized by category, is as follows:

Name	Financial	Leadership	Regulatory	Personal/ Business	Total
Davis, R.	\$ 240,581	\$ 148,050	\$ 111,038	N/A	\$ 499,669
Sullivan, D.	\$ 41,738	\$ 26,434	\$ 17,390	\$ 37,564	\$ 123,126
Copeland, B.	\$ 56,340	\$ 48,828	\$ 23,475	\$ 71,357	\$ 200,000
Edson, D.	\$ 58,185	\$ 38,790	\$ 24,244	\$ 93,096	\$ 214,315
Fike, W.	\$ 58,104	\$ 46,483	\$ 24,210	\$ 47,955	\$ 176,752

2006 Long Term Incentive Compensation

In addition to the base salary increases and the annual incentive compensation awards described above, in January 2006, the Committee approved a stock option grant of 25,000 shares for Mr. Davis and restricted share grants for the other named executive officers as described in the *Grants of Plan Based Awards* table. These equity awards further our philosophy of linking a significant portion of total compensation to increases in shareholder value. The stock option grant for Mr. Davis was smaller than equity grants awarded to him in prior years because the Committee, noting that the value of the Davis SERP had increased significantly in recent years, was then uncertain about how his total compensation package compared to the total compensation of peer group CEO s including the value of their retirement plans. The Committee determined that more research was needed on that subject and that appropriate adjustments, if needed, would be made in the future.

In February 2007, the Committee approved and the board of directors is recommending that shareholders adopt the proposed 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan as described in *Item 4. Adoption of 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan.* The Committee wanted to de-emphasize the time vesting component of restricted stock awards for the senior named executive officers and include an additional performance vesting requirement for these grants.

Internal Pay Equity

In December 2005 and January 2006, the Committee performed an internal pay equity review of the total compensation paid to the CEO, as compared to the other named executive officers and the CEO s other direct reports. The Committee received and reviewed the Mercer reports referenced above to evaluate the compensation paid to the CEOs in the peer group against the compensation paid to the other executive officers in the Mercer report. Based on its review, the Committee was satisfied that the comparative relationship between the CEO and other Umpqua executives is appropriate. When the Committee considers the compensation payable to the CEO and the other executive officers, the aggregate amounts and mix of all components, including accumulated (realized and unrealized) option and restricted stock gains are taken into consideration.

Conclusion

The work done by management and the Compensation Committee in 2006 and early 2007 is summarized by the following highlights:

Base salary increases for named executive officers ranged from 5.0% to 17.4%;

Annual incentive compensation continues to focus on earnings per share, with payouts of 75% of target based on the Company s 2006 results;

Proposed amendments to the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan that distinguish between restricted stock awards and stock options and improve the administration and governance qualities of the plan;

Proposed adoption of the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, that provides for the issuance of RSUs that vest upon satisfaction of company performance targets, not just time in office; and

Amendment of the Davis SERP to fix the annual benefits under that plan, which allows the Committee to focus less on the impact on that plan of its base salary and incentive compensation decisions with respect to Mr. Davis.

We believe these actions further our stated philosophy on executive compensation.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management.

Based on the review and discussions referred to in paragraph (e) (5) (i) (A) of this Item, the Compensation Committee recommended to the board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the registrant s annual report on Form 10-K and Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A.

Submitted by the Compensation Committee:

Bill Lansing (Chair) Scott Chambers Stephen Gambee Diane Miller (Vice Chair) Bryan Timm Tom Weborg

COMPENSATION TABLES

Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the total compensation awarded to, paid to or earned by the named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

						I Non-Equity	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualifie Deferred	l	
e and Principal Position	Year (b)	Salary (\$) (c)(1)	Bonus (\$) (d)	Stock Awards (\$) (e)(2)	Option Awards (\$) (f)(2)	Incentive	Compensatio Earnings (\$) (h)(4)		n Total (\$) (j)
s, Raymond P., dent/ CEO	2006	\$ 673,215	5		\$ 477,008	8 \$ 499,669	\$ 742,047	\$ 70,790	\$ 2,462,
van, Daniel A., CFO	2006	\$ 282,463	3	\$ 34,939	\$ 97,760	\$ 123,126		\$ 26,906	\$ 565,
land, Brad F. VP/ Operations & CCO	2006	\$ 315,498		\$ 56,439	\$ 104,489			\$ 27,693	\$ 704,
n, David M., President Umpqua -NW Region	2006	\$ 325,985	,	\$ 56,439	\$ 117,651	\$ 214,315		\$ 32,169	\$ 746,

76,842 \$ 176,752

\$ 43,000 \$

William T., President Umpqua -NW Region 2006

\$ 329,785

- \$ 25,082 \$ 651,
- (1) The amounts shown in column (c) include a one-time adjustment of the payroll cut-off date to allow all employees to be on the same payroll schedule.
- (2) The amount shown in column (e) is the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes in accordance with FAS 123R. The assumptions used to calculate FAS 123R value are described in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) The amounts shown in column (g) were earned in 2006 and awarded under the Company s 2006 annual incentive plans but paid in 2007.

- (4) There is no amount to disclose for Mr. Fike, since no above market interest was earned on his deferred compensation under the 2005 Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.
- (5) The following table itemizes the amounts shown in column (i), All Other Compensation:

					Dividends on	
	Annual Auto	Annual	Annual Dues		Unvested	
	Allowance/ Use	Paid	and Club	Top Hat	Restricted	
Name	Value(i)	Parking	Memberships	Plan(ii)	Shares(iii)	Total
R. Davis	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 8,572	\$ 50,518	\$ 0	\$ 70,790
D. Sullivan	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,066	\$ 10,740	\$ 4,440	\$ 26,946
B. Copeland	\$ 2,990	\$ 0	\$ 3,235	\$ 14,028	\$ 7,440	\$ 27,693
D. Edson	\$ 2,990	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,599	\$ 14,440	\$ 7,440	\$ 32,169
W. Fike	\$ 3,427	\$ 0	\$ 15,655		\$ 6,000	\$ 25,082

- (i) Amounts included in executive s income for personal use of the Company vehicle assigned to that executive.
- (ii) Amount contributed by Company to the executive s account under the Supplemental Retirement (Top Hat) Plan.
- (iii) Dividends paid on the unvested portion of outstanding restricted share grants issued under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

This table shows the awards made to each named executive officer in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. All stock and option awards were made under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.

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				Estimated			All Other Stock Awards: Number	Option	Exercise		Gran Date F
	Estimated Future Payouts					e	of	of	or Base		Value
				Payo	outs U	nder					
	Under	Non-Equ	ity Incentive]	Equity	V	Shares of	Securities	Price of	Closing	Stock
		-		Ince	entive	Plan				0	
		Plan Aw	ards	A	Award	S	Stock or	Underlying	Option	Price on	Optio
Grant	Threshold	Target	Maximum	hreshāl arye txim			um Units	Options	Awards	Grant	Awar
Date	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(\$/Sh)	Date	(\$)

	(b)	(c)	(d)(1)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)(2)	(j)(3)	(k)(4)		(l)(5]
is, R.	1/18/06	\$ 0	\$ 493,500	\$ 740,241					25,000	\$ 28.425	\$ 28.76	\$ 223,4
ivan, D.	2/02/06	\$ 0	\$ 141,629	\$ 170,429				5,000				\$ 139,6
eland, B.	2/02/06	\$ 0	\$ 187,800	\$ 230,055				10,000				\$ 279,3
on, D.	2/02/06	\$ 0	\$ 193,950	\$ 237,589								