Schoonover Mark Alan Form 4 December 21, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Schoonover Mark Alan			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WFSL]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
425 PIKE ST			12/20/2010	below) below) EVP & CCO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
SEATTLE, WA 98101				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	auired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported			
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			G 1 17		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price				
Common	12/20/2010		A	14,000	Α	\$	33,070	D		
Stock	12/20/2010		A	(1)	А	15.5	33,070	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		umber		
								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)				hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schoonover Mark Alan

425 PIKE ST **EVP & CCO**

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Signatures

Mark A.

Schoonover 12/21/2010 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- 7,000 of these shares vest only to the extent certain performance criteria are met over the next three years. The other 7,000 vest ratably over the next three years.

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