HEDLUND EDWIN C

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEDLUND EDWIN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WFSL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Director 10% Owner

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2010

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) **EVP**

425 PIKE STREET

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

SEATTLE, WA 98101

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

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

(Month/Day/Year)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

12/20/2010

Code V Amount (D) Price 18,000 A (1) 15.5

 $85,327 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HEDLUND EDWIN C							
425 PIKE STREET			EVP				
SEATTLE WA 98101							

Signatures

Edwin C.
Hedlund

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 9,000 of these shares vest only to the extent certain performance criteria are met over the next three years. The other 9,000 vest ratably over the next three years.
- (2) Mr. Hedlund also owns 26,943 shares indirectly.

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