HEDLUND EDWIN C

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad HEDLUND E	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WFSL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 425 PIKE ST	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/24/2011	Director 10% Owner Selfow) Other (give title Other (specify below) EVP			
SEATTLE, W	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	on(A) or Dis	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/24/2011		A	14,000 (1)	A	\$ 12.98	111,454 (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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Transfer de la companya de la compan	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) Stock Grant vests as follows: 6,000 vests ratably over 3 years 8,000 vests over 3 years based on the achievement of certain performance criteria
- (2) Mr. Hedlund also owns 14,816 shares indirectly

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