WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC

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).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schoonover Mark Alan | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WAFD] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|--|--|---|--------|-------------|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) 425 PIKE S | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2013 | | | | | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CCO | | | |
| | | | | endment, Da nth/Day/Year | Č | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98101 | | | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-I | Derivative S | Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | | | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 10/29/2013 | | | A | 25,000 (1) | A | \$ 23.02 | 96,500 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 10/29/2013 | | | D | 5,075 | D | \$ 0 | 91,425 | 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)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | m: .1 | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | ~ | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schoonover Mark Alan

425 PIKE ST EVP & CCO

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Signatures

Mark

A.Schoonover 10/31/2013

**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) Restricted stock grant vests as follows: 10,000 shares ratably over three years and 15,000 shares ratably over three years based on certain performance criteria related to total shareholder return.

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