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 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

WHITEHEAD ROY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WAFD]					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 425 PIKE S		(Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest T Day/Year)	Transaction			_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give t below)		Owner r (specify
SEATTLE	(Street)			endment, Donth/Day/Yea	Oate Origina ar)	ıl	, - -	6. Individual or Join Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Or Form filed by Mo	ne Reporting Per	rson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			~	~		Person		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deem	ed Date, if	3.		ies Ac ed of (quired (A) (D) (5) 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	11/09/2016			S	10,000	D	\$ 28.8592	387,860	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2016			M	40,000	A	\$ 24.03	427,860	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2016			S	40,000	D	\$ 29.7476 (2)	387,860	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	, ,		Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.03	11/10/2016		M	40,000	03/24/2008	03/24/2018	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WHITEHEAD ROY M							
425 PIKE ST	X		Chairman & CEO				
SEATTLE, WA 98101							

Signatures

Arian Colachis, 11/14/2016 Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$28.725 to 28.90. The price reported above reflects the weighted-average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.45 to \$30.10. The price reported above reflects the weighted-average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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