WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC

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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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith Barbara			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	(First) (I	(1	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017				X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify		
	(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			
SEATTLE,	WA 98101							Form filed by Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table 1	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if y/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	spose	d of 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	01/18/2017			A	2,000	A	\$ 33.2	20,100	D		

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				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith Barbara							
425 PIKE	X						
SEATTLE, WA 98101							

Signatures

Arian Colachis, 01/20/2017 Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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