BROWER LINDA S

Form 4

December 21, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *BROWER LINDA S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WFSL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(City)	(Street)	(7:n)	Filed(Mon	Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Pers Form filed by More than One Rep Person				rson porting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-I	Deriv	vative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	on(A (In	mstr. 3, 4	posed	of (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	12/20/2010			A	(1)	3,000	A	\$ 15.5	55,235 <u>(2)</u>	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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BROWER LINDA S							
			EVP				

Signatures

Linda S. Brower 12/21/2010

**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) Ms. Brower also owns 11,278 shares indirectly.

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