

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

October 28, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sarver Robert Gary

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION, ONE E.  
WASHINGTON STREET, STE  
1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/25/2014

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

(Street)  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 10/25/2014                              |                                                             | F                                    |                                                                            | 4,277                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$<br>24.7                                                        |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 30,000                                                            |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 199,758                                                           |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | I                                                                 |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | Spouse                                                            |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | Sarver<br>Family Trust<br>dated<br>09/29/1997                     |

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|              |                      |   |                                         |
|--------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 166,022              | I | SF III Ltd Partnership                  |
| Common Stock | 33,105               | I | Vulture II Corporation                  |
| Common Stock | 5,149                | I | Robert G. Sarver Trust dated 09/29/1997 |
| Common Stock | 5,923 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | 401K Plan                               |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                       | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Sarver Robert Gary<br>C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION<br>ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact)

10/28/2014

\_\_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) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 10/16/14.

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