

Ersek Hikmet
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ersek Hikmet

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE WESTERN UNION
 COMPANY, 12500 EAST
 BELFORD AVENUE

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Western Union CO [WU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	02/17/2009		A		70,265 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 120,817 D
Common Stock	02/17/2009		A		84,318 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 205,135 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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.86	02/17/2009		A	142,695	<u>(3)</u> 02/17/2019	Common Stock 142,69

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ersek Hikmet THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			EVP - EU/Mid Eas/Afri/Asia	

Signatures

Sarah J. Kilgore, As Attorney-in-Fact for Hikmet Ersek
02/19/2009

**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 unit award which vests in full, if the executive is employed by the Company at the time, on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award which vests in full, if the executive is employed by the Company at the time, on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2010.

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