

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.
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SCHEDULE TO

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934**

(Amendment No.)

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

**WESTERN ASSET
VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.**

(Name of Filing Person (offeror))

**COMMON STOCK,
\$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE**

(Title of Class of Securities)

957667108

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Items 1 11.

Not applicable

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Text of press release issued on January 12, 2010.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.